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High School Parents, Board Members Do A Transportation Tango

While busing at Princeton High School has been a problem for students in the past, it has worsened this year for freshman students, some parents say.

According to a letter signed by parents of six children who attend the high school, students are now left without an after school activity for two hours every other Wednesday until buses arrive.

For the past 20 years, a peer program for freshman students has met every Wednesday to discuss issues that are important to young teens, such as friendship, relationships, substance abuse, and stress. Until this year, the group met every Wednesday at the early dismissal time of 1:39 p.m. for the first half of the year, and was then available on a voluntary basis during the second half.

However this year, to allow for smaller class sizes, the high school has changed the program so that student groups meet every other Wednesday for the entire year. This has caused a problem for both parents and students, as buses still do not arrive until the regular time of approximately 3:30 p.m., said parent Dena Friedman at a recent School Board meeting.

"At the minimum, there should be a van to take students home who don't want to stay," she said.

According to Assistant Superintendent Jell Graber, there are many activities to fill students time at the high school until buses arrive. Clubs, sports, tutoring sessions, study groups, and meetings with teachers and guidance counselors all take place during the extra time students have on Wednesdays.

"These are programs the students can participate in," said Mr. Graber.

And, for those who don't wish to participate in any of these activities, the library is readily available. Approximately 150 students can be found there on any given Wednesday, he said.

"Those clubs are not unique to Wednesdays; that's available any day of the week," said Ms. Friedman. "I don't need busy work for my kid for

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Recreational Open Space Is Top Priority for Board

In a move aimed at quenching Princeton's demand for recreational playing fields, the Regional Planning Board discussed an amendment to the 1996 Princeton Community Master Plan regarding use of open space and recreational sites.

The draft amendment calls for 12 additional recreational fields throughout Princeton which will require approximately 30 to 50 acres. It also recommends approximately 28 acres on the 40-acre site that makes up Gulick Farm be used for recreational purposes.

The draft amendment demarcates "recreational facilities" to include football, soccer, youth and adult baseball, and softball facilities.

Jack Roberts, executive director of the Princeton Recreation Department, cited two square parcels of land, 18 acres total that sit at the confluence of River and Herrontown Roads as being open for potential recreational use. However, because

the parcels are wetlands, they should be designated as "passive recreation," Mr. Roberts said.

Mr. Roberts added that the Recreation Department is currently involved in negotiations with the New Jersey State Department of Military Affairs to acquire a "small footprint" for the possible future construction of a youth baseball field. Located near the Princeton

Armory, the area overlaps land earmarked for the military department.

According to Mr. Roberts, the land needed for baseball fields would span approximately five acres, and the existing buildings on the site could be developed for indoor recreational purposes.

Some residents raised issue with the fiscal feasibility of creating new

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Nor'easter Creates Icy Conditions, Causes No Serious Injury or Delays

A classic nor'easter rode up the Atlantic coast to deliver an early reminder that, at best, snow can cause a colossal mess.

The storm, which dumped approximately one foot of snow on Princeton, supplied the area with plenty of hazardous conditions and the hassle of snow shoveling, but caused no serious injury.

"We had a lot of cars slide off the road and road conditions were bad

with several minor tender-benders, but no serious injuries," reported Lieutenant Robert Buchanan of the Princeton Township Police Department.

The Borough had similar success in controlling the risk of injury throughout the two-day storm. Borough Police Lieutenant Dennis McManimon said no trees had been downed, and reported no "notable

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HOW SWEET IT IS: Jubilant sledders Danny DiNepoli and Chris Finelli take to the air as their toboggan hits a mogul on a hill near Province Line Road last weekend. The unusual early-season snow storm caught some by surprise, but many suited up and were ready for winter fun without hesitation.

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Princeton Library Plans For Opening Celebration

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The celebration is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday with a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony, that will introduce a series of activities for the public both inside and outside the library, including roaming book characters, musical entertainment, jugglers, and clowns. In addition, guided tours, author talks, technology demonstrations, artist and architect presentations, and activities for children and teens are being planned.

The festivities are expected to end at 5:15 p.m. with a family dance party outside the library.

tion to accommodate the crowd. However, to keep traffic congestion at a minimum along the road, the Council instead agreed to close the metered Griggs lot across from the library and pitch an outdoor tent in the lot, as well as offer parking for participants at the new Borough garage, which is also expected to be complete by the beginning of April.

The library is currently sorting through old books and purchasing new ones for their new location after the move from their temporary spot at the Princeton Shopping Center. Library staff recently began an initiative to raise \$200,000 for their Opening Day Collection, in hopes they will be able to purchase new reference materials, library book club selections, best-sellers, audiobooks, and others.

For more information, call (609) 924-9529, ext. 255, or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

—Candace Braun

An estimated 2,000 people are expected to attend, and the Princeton Chamber of Commerce has agreed to participate in the event, said Library Director Leslie Burger in a letter to the Borough Council.

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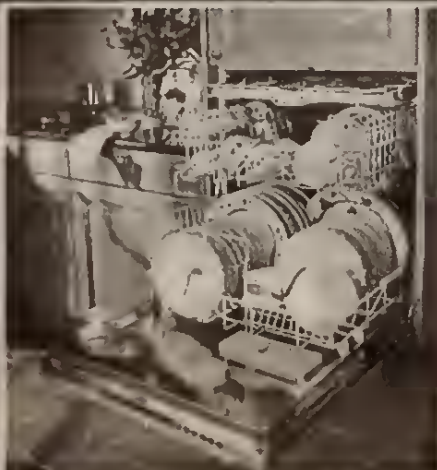
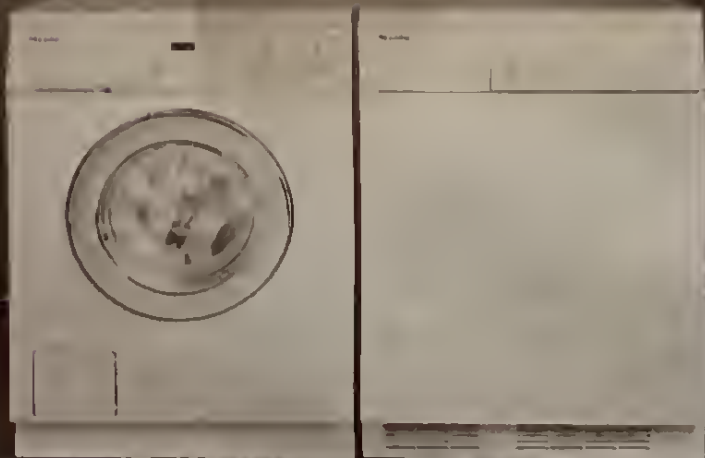
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SHARING A MOMENT: Princeton Nursery School students from last year's class enjoy playtime together. The school is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Pictured, from left, is Gerardo Mercado, Yisela Reyes, Antonio Cruz, Mara Movije, Malik Thompson-Chidden, Deanna Ossorio, and Luis Lazo.

Princeton Nursery School Celebrate 75 Years

Being a low-income nursery school in Princeton is something to celebrate, particularly after being a part of the community for 75 years.

Princeton Nursery School, located on Leigh Avenue, is reflecting this year on the progress it has made and the

lives it has touched over the years.

Beginning as the dream of Elsie Proctor Matthews, wife of Bishop Paul Matthews, the goal of the school was, and still is, to provide low-income day-care for families with working mothers. While the school is open to all children, mostly minorities attend the school, particularly Latinos. Other minorities that attend include African-Americans, Asians, and Arabians.

Princeton Nursery School stands out among day-care facilities, providing a nutritious breakfast, hot lunch, and afternoon snack for children. The school, with hours

Activity events are funded by local churches, as well as by anonymous donors and private charities.

Many volunteers help out at the school, particularly for special occasions. The Princeton University Community

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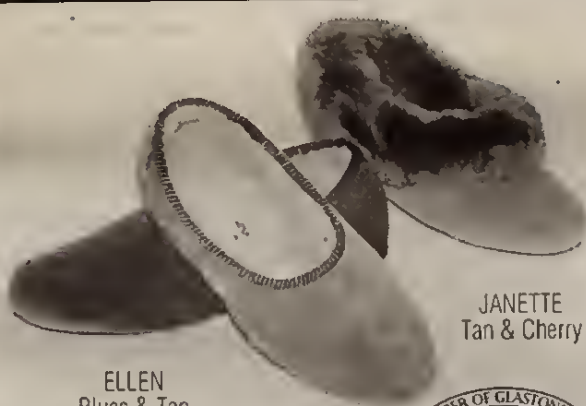
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from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays, engages the children in learning activities rather than providing a babysitting service.

There are two classes at the school, a downstairs class for children between 2 1/2 and 4 years, and an upstairs class for pre-kindergartners. A certified teacher for each class, as well as two assistant teachers, direct the classes.

Children learn pre-math, social skills, handwriting, letters, and numbers, as well as take part in story time, music, and creative activities.

The school also provides field trips and hosts special guest visitors for the children, free of charge to parents. Most recently, the pre-kindergarten children were able to see *The Nutcracker* ballet at McCarter Theatre. In preparation for going to see the show, the children learned about ballet, listened to the ballet's music, and watched a video of *The Nutcracker*.

According to Connie Danser, the school's executive director, the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. "It was wonderful to see 4-year-olds sit for two hours, enthralled," she said.

Upcoming events for the children include a trip to Bloomberg Financial Offices in Skillman for a party and lunch, a visit from Santa with teddy bears for each child, and a holiday party. Other programs that have been provided for the children include "Meet the Music," and the Geraldine R. Dodge Art Program, which engage students in music and art activities. In addition, the children have visited local farms and state museums, as well as had guests come to visit from the Philadelphia Zoo and the Academy of Natural Science.

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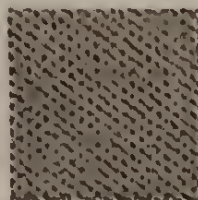
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House, and summer interns from Princeton High School help out on a regular basis, said Ms. Danser.

One program the director is currently developing is a reading program for parents and children. Ms. Danser is working on having parents come in and read to the children on a regular basis. She hopes this in-class activity will trigger parents to begin reading to their children more at home.

Princeton Nursery School was first established and purchased by Mrs. Matthews in 1929, with the help of Mrs. William K. Prentice, the school's first president. The school was initially run by Miss McIn of the Child Education Foundation Training School in New York and her associate, Helen Watson.

In 1936, Evangeline Miller became a teacher and director of the school. She worked with the children for 37 years before retiring.

Princeton resident Jean Riley became the school's third director in 1973, after working closely with Ms. Miller as a teacher at the school for 18 years and attending the school as a student.

Today, Ms. Danser directs the school. She is a former director of University Now, a private, non-profit educational institution in connection with Princeton University. She has been with Princeton Nursery for almost three years.

When the school started, it was supported by small contributors, as well as by profits from the Ice Carnival held annually in town. Mrs. Matthews and her husband paid the deficits of the school until she deeded the property to Princeton Nursery.

Today, the school is funded in part by the Princeton Area Communities United Way, formerly known as the Princeton Community Chest. Other contributors include the State Division of Youth and Family Services, Social Service Block Grants, Child Care Food Program, fundraisers, and a monthly tuition fee from parents.

"A lot of people are interested in helping us, which is very good," said Ms. Danser. "It builds community support."

Many parents, as well as children at the school, speak Spanish as their first language, and some cannot speak any English. For this reason, a bilingual teacher is available in both classrooms, and all letters sent home to parents are printed in English on one side, and Spanish on the other.

Parent-teacher conferences are also conducted in Spanish if the parent is more comfortable with the language, said Ms. Danser.

Children who speak Spanish are encouraged to continue learning the language at home, while developing skills in English in the classroom. According to Ms. Danser, bilingual kindergarten teachers in the Princeton Regional Schools have observed that

children who are fully fluent in Spanish can pick up English easier than children who are only partly fluent in both languages.

"Many children come in here not knowing any English, but they learn very quickly," said Ms. Danser.

Ms. Danser said that most of the students leave the school to attend the Princeton Regional Schools. She said the school's main goal is not only to help the children to learn and enjoy themselves, but to be prepared for the future so they're not behind other students.

"They're going into a high income school system," said Ms. Danser. "We want to send them in there as well prepared as we can."

—Candace Braun



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Volunteer Chairperson Looks at Future Of Developmental Growth in Princeton

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Vicky Bergman, the current chairperson of the Planning Board, is wrapping up her term as the presiding officer of the Board. She was appointed to a five-year term on the Board by Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand in January 2000, and was elected by members of the Board to serve as chairperson in 2002 and 2003. Since the rules of the Board direct the members to choose a new chairperson every three years, alternating between Township and Borough members, Ms. Bergman and her Board colleagues will soon elect another member to take her spot.

"It's important to rotate leadership so different viewpoints can emerge," Ms. Bergman said. In giving more people a chance to occupy the leadership position, "developers and the citizens don't become complacent," she added.

Ms. Bergman's viewpoints have driven the Board to follow a progressive route with an emphasis on maintaining open space and responsible growth.

She said while many Township and Borough residents combat the idea of a "Princeton City," the prospect of growth in the area is inevitable.

"Barring war, famine, or poverty, Princeton will grow," she said. "The Planning Board looks five, 10, and 25 years into the future, and its members have a strong sense of Princeton's past and future."

"I think we have all seen properties where uses have changed over time," she said. "The hill where you went sledding as a child now has 30 year-old houses on it."

Ms. Bergman underlined her desire to witness more resident involvement. She said that opponents of an application will often come out to meetings, but supporters rarely make appearances.

"If there is an application you feel strongly about, either

for or against, come to the meeting and speak," she said.

"People who care about issues before the Board need to know that it is important to come to meetings and present their views for the record," she said. "Some residents feel that because they have spoken casually to a member of the Board, maybe in the supermarket or library, that their view has been adequately noted."

Running into a Board member around town is not rare, as all are Princeton residents. The body consists of eight members, with four representatives each from the Township and the Borough. Mayor Marchand and Borough Mayor Marvin Reed both hold seats on the Board.

Ms. Bergman graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in political science and then received a master's degree in public administration.

She began as a neighborhood organizer in Ohio working with lower-income communities. She has also worked under the Carter administration in the Regulatory Reform Office.

Though the Board decisions follow the recommendation of Township and Borough engineers and the zoning offices, the chairperson said decisions are also made as residents of Princeton.

"Princeton is a perfect place to live," she said. She added that in 27 years living here, there are "familiar faces virtually everywhere."

Ms. Bergman said the Board's impact on the Township and Borough and surrounding municipalities and counties contributes to an ever-changing environment.

"The only constant in life is change," she said.

—Matthew Hersh

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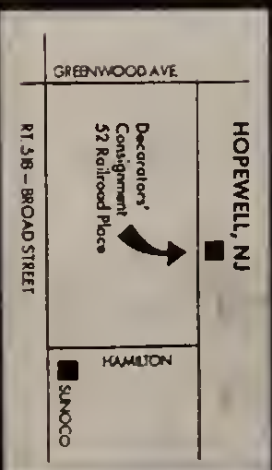
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Willow Sainsbury Willow Sainsbury Awarded A Rhodes Scholarship

Willow Sainsbury, a Princeton scholar from Auckland, New Zealand, has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, which will fund two or three years of study at Oxford University.

Ms. Sainsbury, a painter, is an art history major and a candidate for certificates in visual arts and European cultural studies. The first Princeton student from New Zealand to win a Rhodes, she will pursue a master's degree in material anthropology and museum ethnography at Oxford.

Ms. Sainsbury is the second Princeton student to be awarded a 2004 Rhodes Scholarship. David Robinson, a philosophy major from Potomac, Md., was announced last month as one of 32 American winners.

In her postgraduate work, Sainsbury will continue her studies of Maori scholar

Makereti Papukura, a project she began while at Oxford on a Martin Dale 'S3 Summer Fellowship from Princeton following her sophomore year. She discovered the Papukura papers in Oxford's Pitt Rivers Museum while cataloging artifacts of New Zealand's Maori people in research centers around England.

"People knew about these papers vaguely but no work has been done on them yet," Ms. Sainsbury said, noting that Papukura died three weeks before she handed in her dissertation at Oxford. "These 12 boxes represent her personal writing, family treasures, and a collection of her manuscripts, which I fell in love with on the Martin Dale research project."

Eve Aschheim, director of Princeton's Program in Visual Arts, called Ms. Sainsbury "a deeply motivated student" and a passionate and resourceful painter whose landscape work often evokes the vistas of her native New Zealand.

"She is driven to explore ideas in multiple directions simultaneously, which allows her to generate lots of interesting work and to make unusual leaps in her work," said Ms. Aschheim, who has served as her faculty adviser. "Her paintings in one year ranged from highly representational landscapes to pure abstractions, and many things in between. When her paintings are not working, she goes at them again with another approach. She has an insatiable appetite for new information and has the maturity to use criticism for

positive results."

Approximately 95 students worldwide are selected as Rhodes Scholars each year. Recipients were chosen on the basis of high academic achievement, integrity, a spirit of unselfishness, respect for others, potential for leadership, and physical vigor. The awards were created in 1902 by British philanthropist Cecil Rhodes.

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Palmer Square Management has announced the opening of Savioni Boutique, now located at 63 Palmer Square West.

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Savioni officially started its US operations in 1979 in New York City, having expanded its men's designer fashion offerings from Europe. In addition to the new Princeton location, the store also has a men's and women's store in New Hope, Pa.

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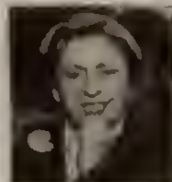
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TOTALLY TUBULAR: Hitting the slopes near Provinceline Road, Hugh, Liam and Dylan Lynch pile on in an inner tube and take advantage of the season's first snow, a major storm that hit the region early last Friday and Saturday.

(Photo by George Vogel)

Christmas Service Of Lessons and Carols

Princeton Theological Seminary will host its annual Christmas service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, in Miller Chapel. A second, identical service will be held at 8:30 p.m.

The service is modeled after the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, which was developed in 1918 in Cambridge, England by Eric Milner-White.

At age 34, Milner-White had just become dean of King's College after serving as a chaplain in the army. Seeing a need for more imaginative worship, he designed this service. Although slight revisions have been made, the foundation of the service, which consists of the nine Scripture lessons and prayers, has remained constant.

Following the advent of this new kind of worship, churches all over England began to adapt it for their own use. The British Broadcasting Corporation began broadcasting the service overseas in the 1930s, and in 1963 a shorter version of the service was taped for television broadcast.

The service always begins with the hymn "Once in Royal David's City." This year the Seminary's Cantate Dom-

ino and Jubilate Deo Choirs will perform traditional hymns and will also include a more recent anthem composed by Charles Bartow, the Seminary's Carl and Helen Egner Professor of Speech Communication in Ministry. The choir will also perform a Zambian folk song. The service will conclude on the Seminary's quad with caroling by candlelight. The public is invited to attend either service free of charge. For more

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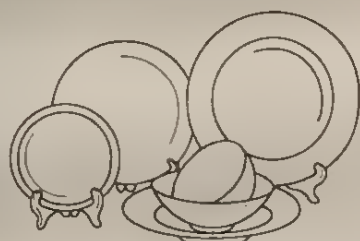


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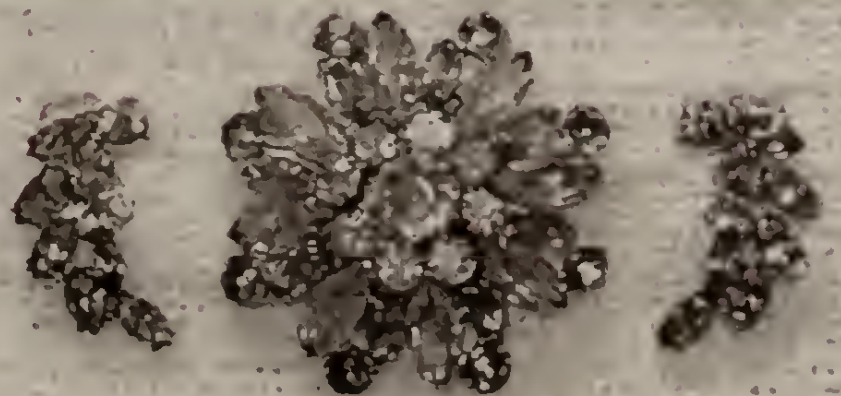


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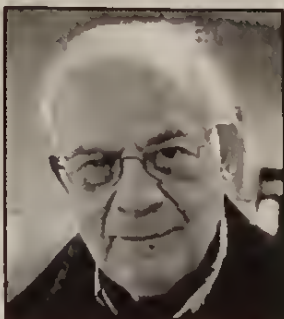
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—Harry Frankfurt, Mercer Street



"I think that all of these departments require funding because we have a diverse population that would be interested in all of them."

—Susan Friedman, Vandeventer Avenue



"I would say children's. I work with children and I have grandchildren I bring to the library and there is not a very conducive environment for reading and introducing them to books the way it is set up here."

—Cynthia Lanchester, Mt. Lucas Road



"Well I guess priority should be children's, but from my point of view I'd prefer if it was best sellers. From an educator's point of view there is nothing more important than getting children into the library."

—Norman Herzberg, Gulick Road



"I think that most of the collections are very nice and our library has a good selection overall. I have two young kids so I would prefer some emphasis on the kid's collection. I like that they have a lot of the old classics that I read when I was a kid. They have a lot of new stories but every collection can be improved some."

—Per Kreipke, Maple Street



David Botstein

Distinguished Geneticist To Speak at Institute

David Botstein will give a lecture entitled "Of Genes and Genomes" on Wednesday, December 17 at 4:30 p.m. in Wolfensohn Hall on the campus of the Institute for Advanced Study.

Professor Botstein is director of the Lewis-Sigler Institute of Integrative Genomics, and Evnin Professor of Genomics, at Princeton University. He graduated from Harvard University and received his Ph.D. in Human Genetics from the University of Michigan. He joined the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Department of Biology in 1967, rising to become Griswold Professor of Genetics. In 1988 he left MIT to become Vice President for Science of Genentech, Inc., and in 1990 joined Stanford University's School of Medicine as Ascherman Professor and Chair of the Department of Genetics. He has held his present position since July of this year.

The research Professor Botstein has conducted, has centered on genetics, especially the use of genetic methods to understand biological functions. He has also contributed to understanding the regulation and evolution of temperature bacteriophages. Other scientific interests include protein secretion, and the use of localized random mutagenesis technologies to understand protein structure/function relationships. He began his theoretical contributions on linkage mapping of the human genome beginning in 1980.

The lecture is sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Study's Center for Systems Biology, which is led by Arnold Levine, visiting professor in the School of Natural Sciences. For more information, call (609) 734-8118.

12 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 12 births to area residents in the week ending December 4.

Sons were born to Jean-Claude and Karl Rankine, Lawrenceville, November 26; Mikel Morvan and Isabelle Trochu, Princeton, November 27; Diego del Castillo and Renee Bustamante, Lawrenceville, November 29; Robert and Catherine Ponticello, West Windsor, November 30; Milan and Sejal Sheth, Lawrenceville, November 30; Kimberlie Rodriguez, Princeton, December 1; Dorine Sta-

rae, Princeton Junction, December 1; Jacqueline Kelly, Lawrenceville, December 1; and Yilin Hou and Hongyan Xu, Princeton, December 2.

Daughters were born to John and Kristin Ryan, Lawrenceville, November 28; Alaric and Amelia Dyckman, Lawrenceville, December 1; and Scott and Christine McCann, Lawrenceville, December 2.

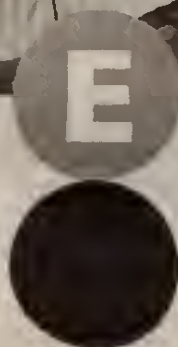
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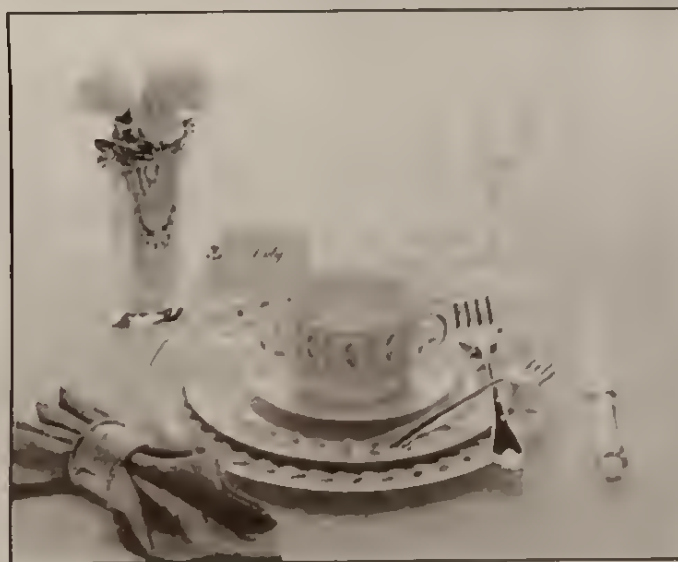
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Princeton Hospital Adds Perinatal Care, Services

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tions, genetic sonography, amniocentesis, and genetic counseling.

All services are provided on-site at 253 Witherspoon Street, and were added in response to requests from the community.

The services are being offered through the Division

of Maternal-Fetal Medicine of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

The addition of perinatology services expands the range of an already excellent

obstetrics and gynecology section at the University Medical Center. HealthGrades Inc., a healthcare ratings and services company, assigned the hospital in its most recent report cards a five-star obstetrics services rating, placing it among the top 5 percent of maternity programs nationally.

The Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine of UNDNJ-RWJMS is one of the largest in the U.S.

The division is "excited about offering comprehensive perinatal service to the Princeton community. We look forward to working with physicians and patients in the Princeton area to help achieve the best pregnancy outcomes possible in even the most complex pregnancies," said Dr. John Smulian, acting director of the division and director of clinical research for the department.

Maternal-fetal medicine services include a state-of-the-art ultrasound unit that is built on a digital platform and designed by General Electric in collaboration with Porsche designers. It utilizes advanced signal processing technology to ensure optimal image quality for high-resolution two dimensional, volumetric three dimensional, and real-time four dimensional imaging.



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Authors to Speak at Mystery Bookshop

Mystery author Jim Fusilli will discuss his award winning Terry Orr private investigator series on Saturday, December 13, at 1 p.m., at the Cloak & Dagger Mystery Bookshop located at 349 Nassau Street.

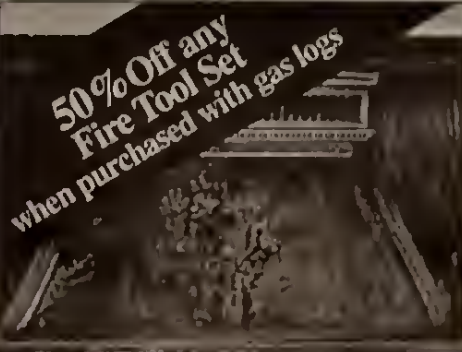
A mystery fiction critic for the Boston Globe, Jim Fusilli will also sign his latest mystery crime series paperbacks. These include Tribeca Blues, a probing character study written in a classic investigative style, A Well Known Secret, and Changing Time.

Fusilli explores the emotional relationship between Terry Orr, a private investigator and his daughter, Bella as they search for their beloved mother's murderer. The journey for eventual retribution takes the reader to areas of New York City that are not readily found in a travel guide but well worth the experience.

Mr. Fusilli was the former music critic for the Wall Street Journal for over twenty years. He now contributes music criticism to the Journal and to National Public Radio's, All Things Considered.



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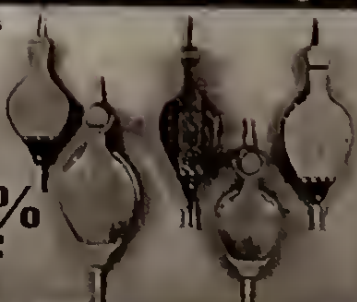
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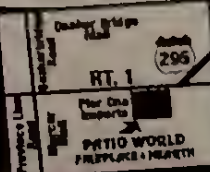
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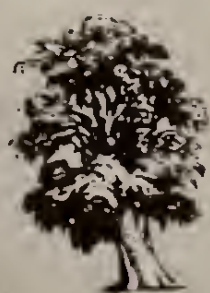
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3:45-5:15 The Movement, History & Law

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ICE ART: The Princeton area was pummeled by a wintry mix of snow and ice last weekend, turning local streets into lacy wonderlands. On Terhune Road, trees were sheathed with ice and tire tracks interrupt the white road surface.

(Photo by George Vogel)

Pennington Montessori Hosts Holiday Bazaar

On Saturday, December 13, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., the Pennington Montessori School is hosting a bazaar that will benefit both the school and HomeFront, which supports homeless families of Mercer County. HomeFront helps families with nourishing meals, housing assistance, employment location services, tutorial programs, back to school clothing drives, and other services. Pennington Montessori is a non-profit preschool dedicated to the Montessori philosophy of education.

Artisans and designers from the greater Princeton area will bring to the school, a unique collection of one of a kind merchandise, perfect for holiday giving. Some of the items are: hand knits, toys, Creative Memories, children's clothing, Pell Prints, paper goods, jewelry, women's

accessories, wreaths, and more. A bake sale and children's holiday craft activities will take place throughout the event.

Admission to the bazaar is \$1 for adults, free for children. The Pennington Montessori School is located at 4 Tree Farm Road in Pennington, one traffic light north of the Pennington Market on Route 31. For additional information call (609) 737-1331.

Holiday Coffee Readings To be Held at Library

Holiday fare will be on the menu during a special December edition of Princeton Public Library's Readings Over Coffee series on Wednesday, December 17, at 10:30 a.m.

"A Holiday Potpourri," will feature all of the regular participants in the series reading holiday stories from Clement Clarke Moore to Garrison

Keillor. June and Jim Conner, Pat Connor, Cecelia B. Hodges and Dick Swain will be the night's readers.

Readings Over Coffee, the library's longest continuously presented program, is the lone series to be continued during the transitional period leading up to the library's March move to its new downtown home. The new library is projected to open in early April.

The series will continue January 14, when the Conner presents a program titled "Them's Fightin' Words," featuring scenes from plays by Peg Lynch, Trode Stone, and Robert Anderson.

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Families are invited to take part in the Cotsen Children's Library's annual outing to decorate trees on the Princeton University campus with treats for the forest animals.

Named for the picture story book by Eve Bunting, the "Night Tree" celebration is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Cotsen event is a seasonal celebration for all families, with the emphasis on wildlife sustenance rather than the winter holidays. The evening will begin inside the library with a talk about the winter diet of backyard and woodland animals by Pam Newitt of Nature By the Yard. Ms. Hewitt will also read aloud from picture book stories, including *Night Tree*, that describe the special traditions some families have for feeding animals through the coldest months.

After the story reading, parents and children will string popcorn and fruit and dip pine cones in suet and seed to create edible offerings for the birds and other wild animals living in their backyards or nearby woods. At the end of the evening, families will walk together to a nearby wooded garden to decorate a tree with treats for hungry creatures to discover and enjoy. Afterward, everyone will warm up with hot cocoa and cookies.

The "Night Tree" program is open free of charge to families with children ages five and older. The library requests that families pre-register before Friday, December 12, and contribute one kind of food for the workshop — seeds, dried fruit, popcorn, or berries.

The Cotsen Children's Library is located in Firestone Library on the Princeton University campus. For more information or to register, please call 258-2697, or send e-mail to bonnieb@princeton.edu.



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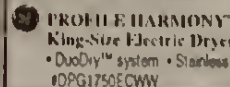
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- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup nonfat dry milk

Mix the dry ingredients.

In another bowl:

Beat one whole egg and three egg whites thoroughly;

add 3 tbsps canola oil

1 3/4 cup orange juice

2 tsp vanilla

2 cups blueberries

Fold in the dry mixture into the liquid. Let warm to room temperature for perhaps a half hour.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Fill muffin tins to the top. Bake for about 18 to 20 minutes, sometimes more or less depending on the oven. To test if muffins are done, poke your finger into the top of one. If it springs back reasonably quickly they should be ready. The mixture will fill about 15 average size tins.

Variations: During off- berry seasons, you may substitute other fruits. If you use frozen raspberries, only add 1 1/2 cup of liquid. I often combine the raspberries and blue berries. They make a delicious muffin. I sometimes use apple juice with a combination of very thinly sliced peaches and apples, or bananas.

And nuts... Often, I add 1 cup of coarsely chopped walnuts or pecans.

If you want to use these for a party, fill the tins to only one-half. This will make 24 smaller muffins.

It takes about one-half an hour to mix up the ingredients and fill the tins.

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Borough Weighs Options: Cut Costs or Raise Taxes

Raise taxes or cut down on capital improvements. Those were the two alternatives presented by Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi on Tuesday, December 3 in a review of the Borough's six-year capital plan at one of the last Council meetings of the year.

The Borough's reported annual capital budget is approximately \$2 million per year, however, it was estimated at a June Council meeting to be approximately \$5.5 million this year. This was due, in part, to the downtown redevelopment project costs.

In the past, the Borough has increased its debt payments by approximately \$150,000 per year, said Mr. Bruschi. However with an existing plan that will create capital budgets between \$4 and \$5 million during some years for large capital improvements, a problem is brewing that will result in higher taxes unless improvement plans are revised, he added.

"We need to decide what we can afford to do, and what we can move forward with," said Mr. Bruschi, who estimated that larger costs will include sewer improvements and road renovations, comprising about two-thirds of the capital budget.

Councilman Joseph O'Neill asked for a list of the improvements currently scheduled to be taken care of during 2004, which Mr. Bruschi said he would distribute to Council. Mr. O'Neill said he wanted to make sure some pertinent improvements scheduled for next year will not be put off.

"We don't want to get blindsided because something is pushed to another budget year when residents expected it," said Mr. O'Neill.

According to Councilman Roger Martindell, the Council must decide on a black-and-white issue: to raise taxes, or cut improvements.

"We have committed ourselves to so many projects," said Councilman Roger Martindell. "We must make a choice."

Mr. Bruschi suggested spreading money out over several projects, rather than using up large sums in certain areas. "Do we want to do \$1 million in repairs on one road, or \$1 million worth of road repairs in several places?" he asked.

The Borough administrator said that he feels sewer projects will have the most potential for payback later on.

An update on projects that have been completed since 1996 will be presented to Council in January.

In related news, the Council voted unanimously to pass two bond ordinances related to capital improvements, which should be the last for 2003, according to Mr. Bruschi. The improvements, which are joint measures with the Township, include almost \$3 million in improvements on sewers and roads.

Jefferson Road, Humbert Street, Greenview Avenue, Homer Lane, Harrison Street, Evelyn Place, Murray Place, Pine Street, and Aiken Avenue will all be included in these ordinances.

—Candace Braun

Colonial Walking Tours at Washington Crossing

Washington Crossing State Park is hosting two walking tours of the historic area on Friday, December 19 at 6:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The 18th century experience of fireside

and candle light will begin at the Nelson House on the river front and continue to the wood shop in the Harvey Barn and Johnson Ferry House. Each tour is limited to 25 people and reservations are required. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children and seniors. Free parking, lanterns, and hot cider are included. For reservations and directions call (609) 737-2515.

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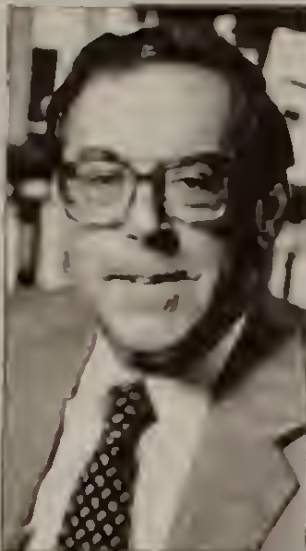
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Kevin Phillips to Lecture On Wealth and Democracy

Historian and political commentator Kevin Phillips will deliver a lecture titled "Wealth and Democracy in America" on Thursday, December 11 at 4:30 p.m. in Dodds Auditorium on the Princeton University campus. The talk is sponsored by the University Center for Human Values, the Program in Ethics and Public Affairs, the Program in Law and Public Affairs, the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, and the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions.

In 1968, Mr. Phillips served as the chief political and elections analyst for the Republican presidential campaign, then as Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney General for

thirteen months. After publication of his 1969 book, *The Emerging Republican Majority*, he resigned to become a newspaper and later broadcast commentator, and served as editor-publisher of *American Political Report* from 1971 until 1998. From 1984 to 1996, he was an elections commentator for CBS Television.



Kevin Phillips

Mr. Phillips's 11 books include *The Politics of Rich and Poor* and *Wealth and Democracy*. His two most recent books are *William McKinley in the American Presidents series* edited by Arthur Schlesinger, and *American Dynasty: Aristocracy, Fortune and the Politics of Deceit Under the House of Bush*. He is now an occasional contributor to National Public Radio, The Los Angeles Times, Time and Harper's.

Dodds Auditorium is located in Robertson Hall, at the corner of Washington Road and Prospect Street. The public is invited to attend the event, which will include a reception in the Shultz Dining Room following the lecture.

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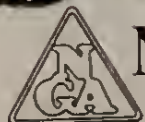
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Both Mayor Reed and Mayor Marchand will speak at the event, as well as a special presentation from Dr. Sally E. Shaywitz and Dr. Bennett A. Shaywitz — Yale Medical School neuroscience experts and New York Times' best selling author. The festivities are free and open to the public. All proceeds will benefit the school's scholarship and educational program fund.

On Saturday, December 13, from 10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m., Dr. Sally E. Shaywitz and her husband, Dr. Bennett A. Shaywitz, will present a lecture and book signing at Trinity Church on 33 Mercer Road. "The Science of Reading: Overcoming Dyslexia", is being sponsored by The Lewis School and The Center for Health and Well Being, The Education Research Section and The Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. Admission is free and reservations are required by calling (609) 924-8120.

Seminary To Host Angel Art Exhibit

"Angel in New York," an exhibit of paintings by Russian-born artist Alexander Anufriev, will open at the Erdman Gallery of Princeton Theological Seminary for five-and-a-half weeks, starting Monday, December 15.

Strongly influenced by Renaissance painters, Mr. Anufriev crafts iconic pictures of angels that portray the heavenly beings participating in the world of human events.

Mr. Anufriev, a Moscow native, who currently resides in Virginia, will be present for a gallery talk and reception on the opening day from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The artist came to the United States in 1980 after working in the former Soviet Union, where metaphysical and philosophical styles were forbidden.

He was a leading member of the Odessa Group, a group grounded in the artistic center of the Ukraine.

The exhibit will continue through Friday, January 23.

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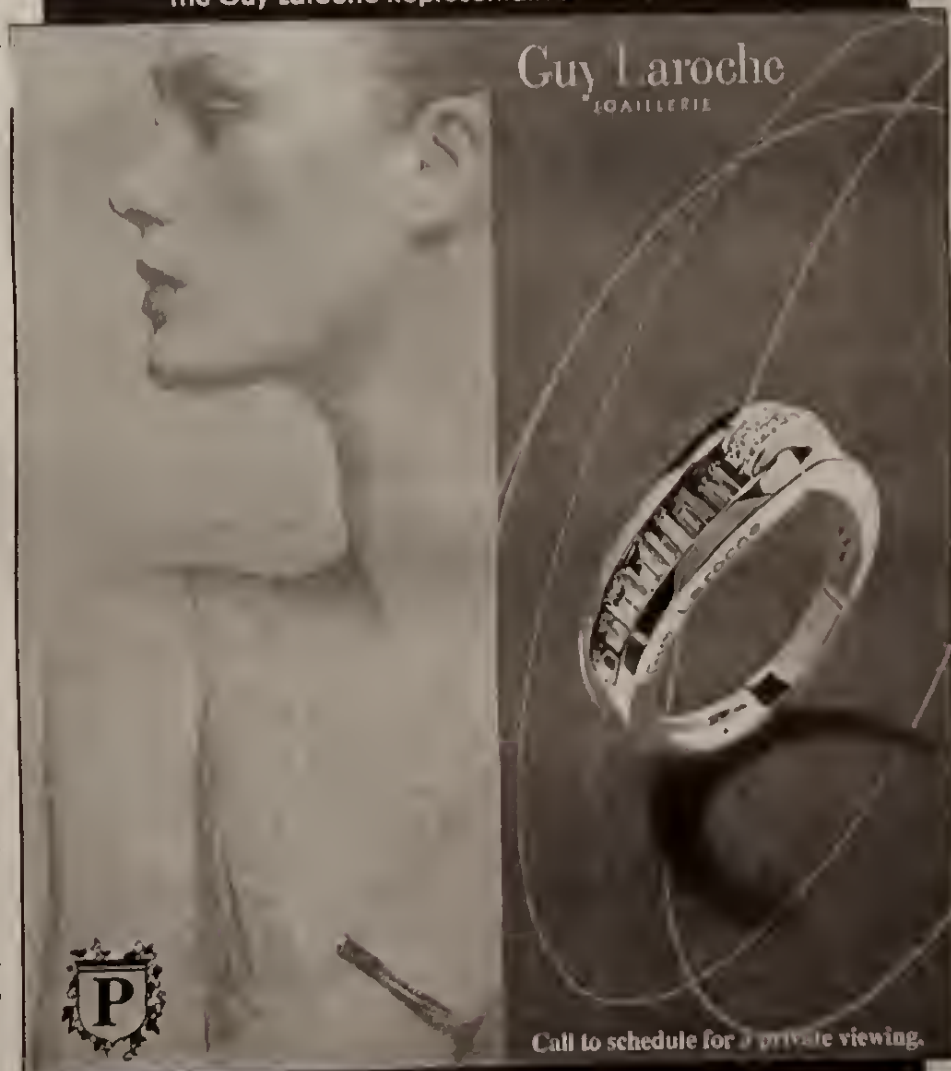
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Planning Board Asked to Reconsider Doubling Arts Council Building Size

To the Editor:

This is a copy of a letter sent to the Princeton Regional Planning Board.

Regarding the Arts Council application, I have difficulty understanding why the concerns relating to the increased size and overall bulk of this application can't be understood and addressed in a realistic manner. The additional traffic, the additional use by the Arts Council itself, and outside groups who rent this space, will mean major changes to this residential neighborhood. It seems to me that current zoning should dictate the use of this site because this is such a densely populated neighborhood; there are one-way streets throughout; it already has businesses that utilize parking on the neighborhood streets; and any variances for this application make it that much more difficult to refuse future applications requesting zoning variances in this neighborhood.

I do believe that the Arts Council has tried to address the parking, traffic, and drop-off concerns—not to the satisfaction of many, but they tried. I don't think too many improvements could be made in those areas because of the location

itself. But, that should tell us that this might not be the best site for this particular application when you take into consideration the overall increase in size and bulk that is being requested.

I don't think the neighborhood objects to the Arts Council being at that location; it understands that code violations must be abated; that there must be Department of Community Affairs compliance, etc. The neighborhood does object to the application in its current form, which runs counter to the best interests of the neighborhood. Meetings promised to the neighborhood by the Arts Council with specificity to myriad questions that have been asked over the years have yet to be held. There have been many meetings, but answers to specific questions have not come from any of those meetings.

The issue is NOT the service that the Arts Council provides to the Princeton community and beyond; the issue is NOT the need for the Arts Council to grow and expand; the issue is NOT that the current site is not a good location in many ways for Princeton. But let us be realistic about the size of the site upon which this massive expansion is proposed—almost double the current size in bulk. That is what this issue is about.

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Human Services Commission Director Thanks Anti-Racism Petition Signers

To the Editor:

Recently, the Princeton Human Services Commission held a Recommitment to Community drive to address the issue of the racist fliers that had appeared in Princeton. We had more than 1,200 signatures. In our haste to go to print, we inadvertently left out 41 members of the community who took the time to sign our petition. We sincerely apologize to those individuals and would like to acknowledge them publicly now.

They are Frank Strasburger, Sarah Unger, Margaret Hodgkins, Haskell Rhett, Donna Laessig, Judy Lowry, G.R. Bishop Jr., Jovi Tenev, S.F. Savidge, Linda Twining, Linda and Richard Werner, Elizabeth White, Jane Hesky, Don Hesky, Nancy Metcalf, James Boyd Smith, Cindy Hesterberg, Vernon Matthews, John and Verna Matthews, Katherine Tam, Leslie Smith, Jean Stephens, Susan Pickering, Lauren Laessig, Silvia Temmer, Barbara Sue White, Elizabeth Peters, Nissa Dennington, David Brown, Paul Raushenbush, James Williams, Deborah Blanks, Susan Waskow, Carey Hoover, Thomas Breidenthal, B. Keith Brewer, Laura Bennett, Dianah Barrett, Melissa Clark, Joan Linsenmeier, and Bo Brinkman.

Again, we apologize for the oversight and thank all of those who signed our petition and joined with the Commission in celebrating the wonderful diversity of Princeton.

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To the Editor:

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Candidate for Vacant Council Seat Invites Dialogue at Upcoming Forum

To the Editor:

Recently, I announced my intention to seek the council seat that will become vacant when Joseph O'Neill is sworn in as Mayor on January 4. I would like the opportunity to listen to and work with the people of this wonderful community on issues that impact us all: property taxes, traffic, affordable housing, and the future of the hospital.

Of course, these are not the only issues affecting our town. That's why I believe dialogue is important, and that is why I invite you to attend a forum sponsored by the Princeton Borough Democratic Committee at the Suzanne Paterson Senior Center on December 14 at 7:30 p.m. It will be a great opportunity to share your concerns and ideas, and to meet, hear from, and ask questions of all candidates interested in filling the vacancy.

I am not the only candidate interested in the Council seat. Mark Freda and Jenny Crumiller have also expressed inter-

est, and there may be more who have not publicly stated their intentions. I encourage all to attend and make a presentation.

We are entering a new era in Princeton Borough, with a new Mayor and a new set of challenges. In choosing a new Council member, the Democratic Committee and Borough Council have an important choice to make. Please come out and participate in this decision.

ANDREW KOONTZ
Spruce Street

Postal Union Official Announces Benefit for Stricken Letter Carrier

To the Editor:

This is a copy of a letter mailed December 9 to Princeton Township residents served by Princeton Postal Service letter carrier Billy Aust.

I am the president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Princeton Branch 268. Our union vice president, your letter carrier and my friend, Billy Aust, is very ill. The diagnosis was sudden, and the prognosis devastating.

We, his friends, family, and co-workers — and hopefully you — are having a benefit to help offset his medical expenses, and most of all to show Billy that we love him and

that we care about him. Just as he and the other carriers of the Princeton Post Office delivered during the anthrax crisis, by working out of the back of our trucks and then in tents during November 2002, we will deliver for Billy Aust. We are asking that you do so as well.

Billy grew up in Princeton, served four years in the Navy, and has worked as a letter carrier since 1978. Most of the carriers don't live in Princeton, but we feel like part of the community. Sometimes out of tragedy, comes good. It is our hope that this tragedy will be the beginning of a great future partnership with the Princeton community to help make it even better than it already is. We have plans to start a scholarship fund for student athletes at Princeton High School in Billy's name. Specifics will follow.

Let us come together as a community once again, to show Billy that we support him and his wife Debbie. We are hosting a benefit for Billy Aust at the Hightstown American Legion in East Windsor, 685 Highway 130 North, on December 14, from noon to 5 p.m. The donation will be \$20. There will be plenty of food and door prizes. Best of all, Billy will be there.

Please plan to attend, and if you can't, please buy a ticket or donate a door prize.

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Township Launches Cell Phone Recycling

The Princeton Township Public Works Department in conjunction with the Princeton Township Police Department has established a cell phone-recycling program to benefit the residents of the Township and the Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit.

Princeton Township Recycling Coordinator, Janet Pelli-chero has initiated the program with RecycleFirst based in Dover, New Hampshire to collect and recycle cell phones accepted at the Township Police Department. Lieutenant Robert Buchanan will distribute acceptable cell phones to those individuals who express a need through the Domestic Violence Unit. All distributed cell phones will have 911 emergency access.

All phones that cannot be reprogrammed will be recycled through RecycleFirst. The company pays all shipping costs and contributes \$1 for each cell phone to the Domestic Violence Unit regardless of the age or condition of the phone. "Residents can feel secure knowing they are not contributing hazardous materials to our landfills and water-

ways by improperly disposing their cell phones," Ms. Pelli-chero said. She added that the phones retained and used to aid domestic violence victims will help to ensure the safety of neighbors.

All money collected will be used to reduce the expense of operating the recycling facility located at the Princeton Shopping Center and to stock supplies for the Domestic Violence Unit at 1 Valley Road in the Township Municipal Building.

A drop-off container has been installed in the lobby of the Township Police Department. Cell phones, chargers, batteries, and all related equipment are to be placed in a clear, plastic bag. The lobby is open 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

For more information, call (609) 683-2566.

Free Ornament Workshop At All Hands Gallery

Carolina snowflakes from drinking straws? Stars of David from kitchen foil? Doves of peace from typing paper? Other holiday ornaments as yet unnamed and unimagined from empty plastic soda bottles, scraps of fab-

ric, or old buttons? The shop will be devoted to artisans of All Hands Gallery, instructing participants in the the cooperative arts and crafts making of traditional ornament-making work-of ornament we plan to dem- shop on Monday evening, onstrate, like the traditional December 15, from 7 to 9 Carolina snowflake. Carolina snowflakes are usually woven

Several of the two dozen from wicker, but they look local artists and artisans rep- perfectly beautiful made of resented at the gallery will strips of white paper and hung participate in the workshop, in a window where the light but the session will be led by can shine through them." polymer-clay artist Leonora After participants have made Kandiner, who has taught cre- some of these ornaments in ativity workshops in the the gallery, Ms. Neumann Princeton area. Ms. Kandin- says, they can go home and er's fashion jewelry, as well as make more of the ones they her popular PolyPeople like best out of their own, brooches (and her PolyAngels) more carefully chosen are on sale at All Hands. materials.

Workshop participants will Because space in All Hands be invited to bring their own is limited, reservations are scissors and any materials suggested and can be made by they think might be suitable calling 924-0156 during the for ornament making: such as gallery's hours of operation, last year's holiday cards, Thursday and Friday, noon pieces of ribbon too short to until 9, and Tuesday, Wednes- use, styrofoam packing mate- day, Saturday, and Sunday, ment baking paper, a torn but once-favorite blouse.

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YMCA VOLUNTEERS RAISE \$21,000 ASSISTANCE: The first annual giving campaign of the YMCA raised a total of \$52,760, including funds raised by volunteers who secured 120 donations. The volunteers are, from bottom left, Tim Kerrihard, Jill Constantine, Christina Jones, Beth Nagle, Aaron Burt, Cindy Grace, Ray Sardinas, and Briana Fisher. In the middle row are Joaquin Burt, Jacob Lichtblau, Lisa Schwimmer, and Raj Singh. In the back row are Barbara Spalding, Harold Campbell, Shari Black, Mark Piech, Marvin Reed, Bruce Topolosky, Shekhar Kuckreja, Camille Hernandez-Burt, Warren Pfeffer, Allen Marx and Gloria Perez.

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YMCA Volunteers Raise Funds for Assistance

In its first annual giving campaign ended November 19, the Princeton YMCA raised a total of \$52,760, of which more than \$21,000 was raised by 30 volunteer members, securing 120 donations. Gifts from board members and staff comprised the remainder to the funds raised in the "Y Cares" campaign, YMCA officials said.

"While most families in the Princeton area can afford to participate in typical YMCA programs and activities, many area residents have limited access to these opportunities," said Tim Kerrihard, YMCA associate executive director and campaign director. "'Y Cares' exists to ensure that every member of the community has access to our membership and programs, regardless of their ability to pay the fee."

"Our goal is to 'never say no' to a family or individual in need," Mr. Kerrihard added.

The fund-raising campaign was conducted using a person-to-person approach, said board member Mark Piech, who was pleased with the amount of funds raised.

According to Mr. Piech, volunteer Y members were asked to call on their friends to become supporters of the organization. "Over the years, fund raisers have found that people give to people, not just to causes," he said. "With a face-to-face campaign, we not only raise money to benefit the Y and its participants, we also raise awareness levels in the community about everything the Y is doing."

The Y will have granted close to \$100,000 in assistance to individuals and families in 2003, with projections of nearly \$120,000 in 2004. Awards are given for all programs and membership categories, including child care and summer day camp, which account for more than half of all financial assistance given, Mr. Kerrihard said.

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**Seminary Gets Grant
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Lilly Endowment Inc. has granted \$888,000 to the Hispanic Theological Initiative at Princeton Theological Seminary, providing four scholarships a year (up to \$15,000 per student) for the next five years for students entering the HTI program.

The endowment will also maintain the program and ensure that there will be Latino and Latina students in the pipeline when Princeton Seminary takes over responsibility for the initiative in mid-2008.

The Hispanic initiative supports and mentors Latino and Latina candidates in doctoral programs around the country.

The Lilly Endowment was established in 1937 by members of the Lilly family as a vehicle by which to pursue their personal philanthropic interests.

Endowment funding will address the obstacle named by 90 percent of past award-ees as the most immediate and pressing, namely financial hardships, said Joanne Rodriguez, director of the initiative.

Ms. Rodriguez believes also that mentoring is one of the most successful parts of the program. One Princeton Seminary Ph.D. student, Ruben Rosario-Rodriguez (no relation) agrees. "My mentor,

Luis Pedraja (vice president and academic dean at Memphis Theological Seminary), has been an invaluable resource. Along with Mark Taylor, a professor at Princeton, he helped me narrow my dissertation topic, encouraged me through my comprehensive exams, and even baby-sat my newborn daughter so I could study."

Princeton Theological Seminary's board of trustees has voted to assume responsibility for funding the operations and its mentoring programs of the Hispanic initiative, starting in 2008.

Pew Charitable Trusts has funded the initiative since its beginning in 1996 at Emory University. The program moved to Princeton in 1999, and Pew funding continued to be the bedrock of the initiative.

Twenty-five Ph.D. students involved in the initiative have graduated already, Ms. Rodriguez said. Before the initiative, there were 67 Latino or Latina scholars in the country. Today, there are more than 92.

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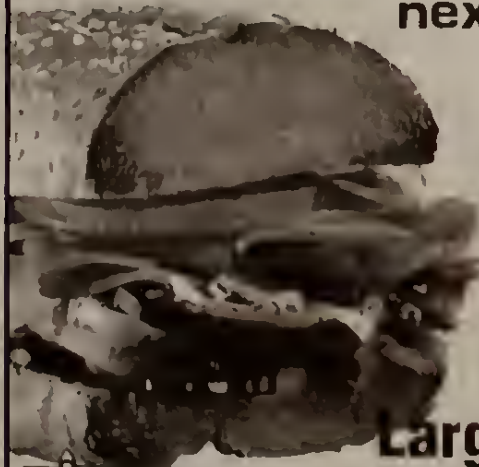
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accidents."

He said that while side streets might remain tight from built-up snow, parking should not pose a serious problem. "As far as shopping is concerned, there seems to be plenty of parking."

Lieutenant Buchanan said roads in the Township are currently "acceptable," but warned drivers to keep eyes open for patchy conditions. He said the lifting of the snow emergency on Sunday afternoon was the final indication that roads were drivable once again. "We were in pretty good shape, so that's why we

lifted the ban," he said.

The snow emergency was declared on Friday at 1:30 p.m., Lieutenant Buchanan said, to enable the Department of Public Works to clear the snow on over 100 miles of roadways in the Township. During snow emergencies, residents are not permitted to park on roadways.

He added that no travel restrictions were imposed on the Township during the storm.

While the Princeton Regional School District did not institute an early dismissal on Friday afternoon, the storm took its toll on local organizations over the week-

end. The Princeton Public Library at the Princeton Shopping Center closed early on both Friday and Saturday, and Princeton University dismissed non-essential staff on Friday. Classes resumed as scheduled.

Princeton train commuters met with an out-of-service Dinky on Monday morning. New Jersey Transit pulled a bus from its fleet to shuttle commuters back and forth between the Dinky station and Princeton Junction.

New Jersey Transit spokesperson Janet Hines said the malfunction in equipment was weather-related and had affected Dinky service on Sunday and throughout the day on Monday, including morning and afternoon rush hours.

New Jersey Transit trains including the Dinky are currently back to operating on normal schedules, she said.

Don Hansen, superintendent of the Township Department of Public Works, said employees were plowing throughout the night on both Friday and Saturday.

"Our first concern was [removing snow from] the main roads, then we moved on to the secondary roads," he said in outlining the procedural protocol of a snow emergency.

Mr. Hansen said that cul-de-sacs and dead-end roadways are the last to be plowed because they do not facilitate mobility to the throughways. He said residents in these areas never "like to hear that."

Warmer temperatures and sunny conditions on Monday and Tuesday allowed significant melting to occur, but can create icy conditions, according to Mr. Hansen. "We will address those calls individually as they come in," he said. He added that the department has not received a high number of calls regarding icing on the roads.

Thursday forecasts calling for rain should alleviate the snow buildup, but could cause flooding throughout the Borough and Township. Mr. Hansen said that plowers try to avoid covering drains and basins, but it can be difficult because many roads are still awaiting this month's leaf pickup. "What we are worried about are the leaves around the drains," he said.

"Most of the time [flooding] is caused by leaves on top of basins or inlets," he said.

He added that Public Works will respond to flooding on a case-by-case basis. "If there's flooding, we'll address it."

Mr. Hansen lauded the cooperative effort between Public Works and the police department in the snow removal process. "The police worked great with us," he said.

"Overall, I think everyone held up really well and we [and the police] have a really good working relationship," he added.

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Planning Board

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athletic fields.

Douglas Schleifer, a Borough resident and member of the Princeton Environmental Commission, said the Planning Board should not succumb to pressure to build sport facilities on tracts reserved for open space. He said development and maintenance of the facilities will present a "greater tax burden on [Princeton] residents" and will place added pressure on the Department of Recreation's resources.

Princeton Borough Mayor and Planning Board member Marvin Reed expressed concern that the recommendations might lock open space agreements into irreversible situations regarding land use. The recreation fields would use approximately 20 acres out of the 80 acres that make up the parcel.

"I'm concerned that we are putting numbers in here that that [will] plague us later," Mayor Reed said.

Mayor Reed specifically addressed the potential use for recreational fields on the 80 acres available at River and Herrontown Roads. The land, which is jointly owned by the Township and the Borough, is also home to a shooting range for both Police Departments. Mayor Reed noted that while adding recreational fields is a priority, the remaining acreage should be looked at as well.

"What is the rest [of the land] set aside for?" Mayor Reed asked.

The Gulick property, located off of Princeton-Kingston Road, was conserved in 2001 by the Township as open space and conservation farm easement.

The open space and recreational element of the master plan will be amended next year.

Maureen Smyth, also of Chestnut Street, said she would like to see unleashed-dog parks included in the list of fields recommended for construction.

"I think there are a lot of residents who would see this as an amenity," she said. "I think it is a recreation that would have community-wide support. There are a lot of dog lovers in this town," she said.

Township Mayor and Board member Phyllis Marchand said because the Board takes municipal regulations into consideration, the Township Committee or Borough Council would be better suited to hear suggestions on dog parks. She said parking, fencing, and health issues would be at play in such designations.

Since 1996, approximately 1,000 acres of land throughout Princeton Township and Borough have been preserved, according to Board Planner Lee Solow. This land includes parcels recently sectioned off for designated open space such as the Institute Woods, Smoyer Park, Coventry Farms, and Greenway Meadows Park.

"The policy of the open space element [of the Master Plan] is to preserve, protect, provide, and enhance open space and recreational resources," he said.

Open Space Grant

New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection has recently issued a \$400,000 matching grant to the Friends

of Princeton Open Space. Review Advisory Board Wendy Mager, of the Friends, said that the money could be used to help realize some of the goals listed in the revision of the Princeton Community Master Plan.

Ms. Mager emphasized that open spaces do not "necessarily have to be great, big pieces of land." She cited smaller easements in the Borough that could be used for open-space designation.

It was the final meeting with Chairperson Victoria Bergman presiding (see story on page 5). The Board will elect a new chairperson at the beginning of the new year.

In other business, representatives of Princeton Day School were present for the public hearing regarding its final site plan for the expansion of entrances along The Great Road and Coniston Court. According to the Board's Mr. Solow, all road work is in place with the exception of some paving and speed humps.

Mr. Solow added that because of an increase in impervious surfaces created by expansion, storm water drainage facilities will need to be installed in the future.

In October, PDS submitted an application to the Site Plan

Review Advisory Board (SPRAB) for road widening of its main entrance along the Great Road. The Planning Board suggested in a recent memorandum that PDS consider installing a traffic light at the main entrance to facilitate traffic flow during school arrival and dismissal. The Board has also asked the school to review vehicular circulation on the main campus. Currently, vehicular access from the lower to the upper part of campus is restricted by a one-way traffic flow and requires use of public streets.

This year, PDS implemented a carpooling program that is part of an effort to alleviate traffic problems around the school.

Mayor Reed pointed out that the traffic problem around PDS was, in fact, exacerbated by growth in the Montgomery area which "obviously complicates the situation for PDS."

PDS attorney Daniel Graziano said PDS is prepared to accommodate the upsurge in traffic from outside elements. He cited the carpooling program as an element that will remove cars from the road, along with the advent of more comprehensive bus service.

—Matthew Hersh

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But wait — there's more. On that same date (October 27th), but 11 years earlier (in 1973) more NCAA rushing records were set when four Alabama

players each gained more than 100 yards in a 77-6 romp over Virginia Tech. The Crimson Tide established marks with 822 yards of total offense and 743 rushing yards, as well as with the four 100-yard rushers — Jim Taylor with 142 yards, Wilbur Jackson with 138, Calvin Culliver with 127 and quarterback Richard Todd with 102. By the way, it should come as no surprise that October 27th just happens to be the date when Emmitt Smith set the all-time NFL career rushing record in a 2002 Dallas loss to Seattle.

With all this focus on rushing records, do you have any idea what the mark is for most yards gained on the ground by a running back in college football at any level? The answer is an astounding 443 rushing yards on 45 carries by Hartwick's A.J. Pitorino in a 42-14 win over Waynesburg on November 2, 1996.

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Princeton Singers Offer Free Christmas Concert

The Princeton Singers will present a concert of Christmas music on Friday, December 19, at 8 p.m. at Nassau Presbyterian Church. The a cappella choir, now celebrating its 20th anniversary season, will perform a program of compositions by Byrd, Monteverdi, Dufay, Lauridsen, Poulenc, and Thompson. The audience will join in the singing of familiar carols.

The program, titled *O Magnum Mysterium/Christmas with The Princeton Singers*, is free.

Under the direction of Steven Sametz, The Princeton Singers have been heard on National Public Radio, on Jonathan Schwartz's Saturday and Sunday afternoon programs on WNYC, and on the BBC. They have also performed with the American Boychoir on Public Radio International's Christmas Day broadcast, *Carols for Christmas*.

The group has toured England, performing at St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and King's College; and collaborated with Chanticleer on the recent album, *Old, New, Borrowed, Blues*. They were the featured choir-in-residence at the Oxford Institute in Bethlehem, Pa., and at the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Philadelphia.

Mr. Sametz is both a composer and conductor. In addition to serving as artistic director of The Princeton Singers, he is director of choral activities at Lehigh University. His compositions have been heard at the Tanglewood, Ravinia, Schleswig-Holstein, Santa Fe, and Salzburg music festivals. Several of his works may be heard on CDs by Chanticleer, including the Grammy award-winning *Colors of Love*.

For more information on The Princeton Singers, visit or call (609) 924-5900.

The Nassau Presbyterian Church is located at 61 Nassau Street.

MUSIC REVIEW

Princeton University Alumnus Returns, Conducts Orchestra in Winter Concert

Princeton University alumni have long been noted for successful achievements in a variety of fields, but only recently have Tigers appeared in the upper echelons of classical music. With no performance major at the University, talented students must work incredibly hard to both reach their academic goals and refine their musical skills. Hobart Earle '83 not only represents Princeton well in the symphonic world, but also shows promise to be one of the long-searched-for next generation of talented American conductors. Since graduating from Princeton, Mr. Earle honed his conducting skills in Vienna and London, and has found a home as Music Director and Principal Conductor of the Odessa Philharmonic Orchestra in Ukraine — the first U.S. citizen to be appointed to such a position in a symphony orchestra in the former U.S.S.R. Mr. Earle demonstrated why he is viewed in such high regard in conducting circles this past weekend as he led the Princeton University Orchestra in a program of Tchaikovsky, Skalkottas, and Dvorak.

Music is never dull to this conductor. In Sunday afternoon's performance at Richardson Auditorium, Mr. Earle was clear in what he wanted from the orchestra and never allowed the music in any of the works to become stagnant or unmoving.

One change in protocol for the orchestra was their filing onstage as an ensemble just before the concert began, rather than sitting onstage tuning and playing through their parts, as orchestras often do. This onstage noodling can serve a purpose in allowing the players to tune their instruments within the acoustic of the hall and around each other, and losing this advantage may have accounted for the trumpets' rough start to open Tchaikovsky's *Copriccio Italian*. When joined by the trombones, the brass sections eventually blended well, and the brass and winds together effectively executed the offbeat precision required in the one-movement work. This piece has a tendency to wander through musical styles and moods, but Mr. Earle shifted musical gears impressively, capturing what Tchaikovsky called the "sincere and natural merriment of the Roman crowd."

Mr. Earle has a natural feel for the dark and Russian quality of Tchaikovsky, some

of which he carried over to the Greek Dances of a little-known Greek composer, Nikos Skalkottas. Mr. Skalkottas was composing in the first half of the 20th century in Berlin, a musical environment overshadowed by both world politics and the plethora of composers coming out of Paris at the same time. His thirty-six Greek Dances were composed over eighteen years, and the four presented in this concert included several different styles, brought out well by Mr. Earle. The oom-pah backdrop in the brass, winds, and lower strings was well contrasted with delicate wind solos, especially from clarinetists Ayan Chatterjee and Ben Elias, oboists Linnea Hartmark and Conner Ross, flutist Lindsay Brillson, and bassoonist Nicole Rowsey.

The Princeton University Orchestra's next concert will be March 5 and 6. Michael Pratt will conduct music by Mozart and Stravinsky. The winners of the 2004 Concerto Competition will be featured. Call (609) 258-5000 for information.

Mr. Earle demonstrated the orchestra's full sound in Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 in E Minor (the *New World* symphony), and once again the winds excelled. Ms. Brillson and fellow flutist Katharine Moore, Ms. Hartmark and fellow oboist Emily Herchen and clarinetists Mr. Elias and Ben Holskin provided precise play-

ing which added to the "American" flavor this symphony is perhaps mistakenly known for. Ms. Hartmark also played the exquisite *Going Home* theme of the second movement on the English horn, adding to the Copland-esque sound of the work. A surprising violin/cello duet, well played by concertmaster Kiri Murakami and cellist Diana Rosenblum, broke out of the orchestral fabric in the second movement, and the trombone section brought the symphony to a close with the familiar brass theme in the fourth movement.

America is in desperate need of young native conductors, and occasionally they surface out of nowhere (usually from European ensembles) to show that there is a new generation of conductors out there. With the ever-growing strength of the Princeton University Music Department over the years, more and more Princeton graduates will no doubt surface in and in front of American orchestras in the decades to come.

—Nancy Plum

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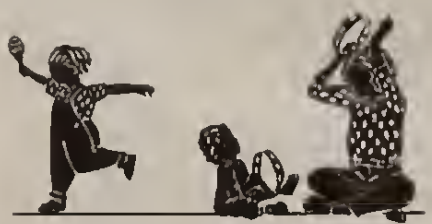
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Many of the artists scheduled to perform this winter and spring at McCarter Theatre have recently received nominations for the 46th Annual Grammy Awards.

Bass player Dave Holland, who will perform at McCarter with his Quintet on Saturday, January 24, received a nomination in the Best Jazz Instrumental Album category for his latest release *Extended Play, Live at Birdland*. For his 8 p.m. McCarter concert he will be joined by jazz pianist Jason Moran.

Lyle Lovett, who received two nominations in the Best Male Country Music Performer and Best Country Album categories for his recording *My Baby Don't Tolerate*, will appear at McCarter with fellow singer-songwriters John Hiatt, Joe Ely and Guy Clark on Friday, January 30 at 8 p.m.

Three new Grammy nominations went to the Kronos Quartet, which will come to McCarter on Monday, February 2 at 8 p.m. The ensemble received a Best Classical Crossover Album nomination for its recordings of *The Gorey End*, and two nominations in the Best Chamber Music Performance category for *Berg: Lyric Suite* with soprano Dawn Upshaw, and *Vosks: String Quartet No. 4*.

Trumpeter Randy Brecker, who has been performing jazz, R&B, and rock for three decades, received a Best Contemporary Jazz Album nomination for his latest release, *34th N Lex*. Mr. Brecker, who has accompanied Bruce Springsteen, Frank Sinatra, Steely Dan, and Frank Zappa, will be at McCarter on Friday, February 6 at 8 p.m. as part of the Newport Jazz Festival: 50th Anniversary Tour.

Trumpeter/composer Roy Hargrove, who will join saxophonist Joe Lovano in a program titled *Birth of the Cool* on Saturday, February 21, has received a nomination in the Best R&B Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal category. Now 33 years old, he has established a reputation as one of the most innovative jazz artists of his generation in just 14 years as a professional.

Marcia Ball and Steve Reiley and the Mamou Playboys each received Grammy nominations for Best Contemporary Blues Album. The two acts will be featured in a benefit concert, *From Bayou to Bourbon Street*, on Friday, February 27.

Two-time Grammy Award-winning pianist Andras Schiff, honored with a Grammy nomination in the Best Instrumental Soloist Performance category for his recording of *Bach's Goldberg Variations*, will lead the Chamber Orchestra of Europe in a program of Bach and Mendelssohn on Friday, April 23 at 8 p.m.

Completing the list of Grammy nominees coming to McCarter will be the family entertainer Tom Chapin, nominated in the Best Musical Album for Children category for his album *Making Good Noise*. He will be at McCarter on Saturday, May 8 at 11 a.m.

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Steinway Society Slates Concert by Area Pianist

The Greater Princeton Steinway Society will present a musicale by Marvin Blickenstaff on January 4 at 4 p.m. at the Recital Hall of Jacobs Music in Lawrenceville. Com-

positions by Francis Poulenc, Johannes Brahms and Frederic Chopin will be featured.

Mr. Blickenstaff has presented workshops for piano teachers throughout the USA and international workshops in Canada, Austria, Scotland, Norway, France and Switzerland. The Marvin Blickenstaff Endowment Fund was established in his honor in 2001 by the Music Teachers National Association Foundation. Currently, he serves as board president of the Frances Clark Center for Keyboard Pedagogy. His teaching career is associated with the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Goshen College, Indiana. He now lives near Philadelphia and teaches at The New School for Music Study in Princeton and The College of New Jersey in Ewing.

Following his Town Hall debut, the New York Times reviewer said that "Mr. Blickenstaff's technical equipment is so complete he doesn't have to worry about it. Passagework, octaves, chords, sudden leaps, abrupt shifts in hand position and instant variations in dynamics are executed with the skill that comes only with diligent work and great natural gifts."

Founded in 1989, the Greater Princeton Steinway Society is dedicated to developing the talent of young piano students. The musicales support the Society's annual scholarship program.

Admission to the January 4 concert is \$15 for adults, \$8 for students 18 and under. A Society membership includes free admission to all six musicales plus the scholarship musicale in June. For information, call (609) 434-0222.

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CONSORT CONCERT: The Engelchor Consort will present two free concerts of traditional holiday music on Sunday, December 14 at 1:30 and 3 p.m. in the Princeton University Art Museum. Consort instrumentalists are, from left, standing, Mary Benton, Patricia Hlafter, and Judith Klotz; and seated, Elizabeth Horn and Mary Elizabeth Stewart.

"Brandenburg Concertos" At Richardson on Monday

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center will perform the *Complete Brandenburg Concertos* of J.S. Bach this month in only two venues — Lincoln Center, New York, and Richardson Auditorium. The concert on the Princeton University campus will be Monday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The Richardson concert, which will be presented by McCarter Theatre, will feature ten guest soloists — vi-

olinists Cho-Liang Lin, Joseph Silverstein, and Ani and Ida Kavafian; violist Paul Neubauer; cellist Fred Sherry, flutists Ransom Wilson and Tara Helen O'Connor; horn player William Purvis; and bassist Edgar Meyer.

Exactly how Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos* became associated with holiday concerts is unclear, but the seasonal performance is by now considered a tradition. The composer assembled the six concertos in 1721 as a sample of his work to submit with a job application to the Mar-

grave of Brandenburg, who was interviewing for a new music director at his court near Berlin. Bach did not get the job because the Mar- grave's orchestra did not include all the instruments needed to perform the pieces. Almost three centuries later, those who appreciate classical music know what the Mar- grave missed: six jubilant instrumental works, each showcasing a different group of instruments.

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The Unsung Hero of Stride Piano: Princeton's own Donald Lambert

Here's a Princeton fantasy. Picture a good-sized bar on Nassau Street, call it the Timeless Tavern, a large, dark, smoky room with small electric candies on every table so you can see who's doing all that damage, break-who. A piano is in the center, softly lit by an amber spotlight. It's quite a crowd. The Looks like Toni Morrison and Ralph Ellison sharing a table with Benny Carter. There's Gene O'Neill and Paul Robeson, fresh from a matinee performance of *The Emperor Jones*. Woodrow Wilson and Dean West are amicably sharing a table (this is a fantasy, remember). Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald are also on hand, in their swimming-in-the-Plaza-fountain days, ready to rumble. Albert Einstein's there, too, of course, looking wind-blown after a turbulent afternoon on Lake Carnegie in his dinghy.

Some musicians from the city have taken the best table — that's Willie the Lion Smith behind the big cigar, with the Count and the Duke, all of them smiling because they know what's coming. Nobody else recognizes the nondescript middle-aged black man who appears out of nowhere, no introduction, and sits down at the keyboard. He starts slowly. He seems to be trying out chords. It doesn't sound promising. The tune he's working his way toward turns out to be *Golden Earrings*, a fairly corny number until the left hand comes to life, kicks the right hand from a trot to a breakneck gallop, and before the audience has time to catch its breath the race is over, ending with an

orgy of arpeggios. Everyone's blinking their eyes and unbending their ears because it sounded like fifty pianos and there's only one man, one pair of hands doing all that damage, breaking the sound barrier. Who is this guy? people wonder, "it's the Lamb" someone at the table shouts. "Donald Lambert! A Princeton boy!"

They mean the town, not the university where his father was a janitor and his mother played piano at special events. Donald never finished high school. Performing before all these Princeton luminaries, he, along with Paul Robeson, are the only ones actually born in Princeton.

Before anyone has time to say "Donald Lambert," the Lamb is playing *Tea for Two* with his left hand and *April Showers* with his right, now he's striding into a superkinetic version of *Hallelujah* in the middle of which the *Marine Hymn* somehow marches forth. According to the son of the owner of the West Orange bar where the Lamb played out the last fourteen years of his life, he could take *The Bell's* of St. Mory and make it sound "like he was playing in St. Patrick's Cathedral." Jazz critic Gary Giddins called his "splendiferous reworkings" of pop songs "music to get drunk on" and saw "the emotional message of stride" as "one of liberation" or "freedom itself," comparing the Lambert rhythms to "the relentless churning of a loco-

While there is a risk of the performance becoming mechanical should the player be tempted by "the spirit of stride's rhythmic intoxication," the Lamb's music emerges as "gloriously human."

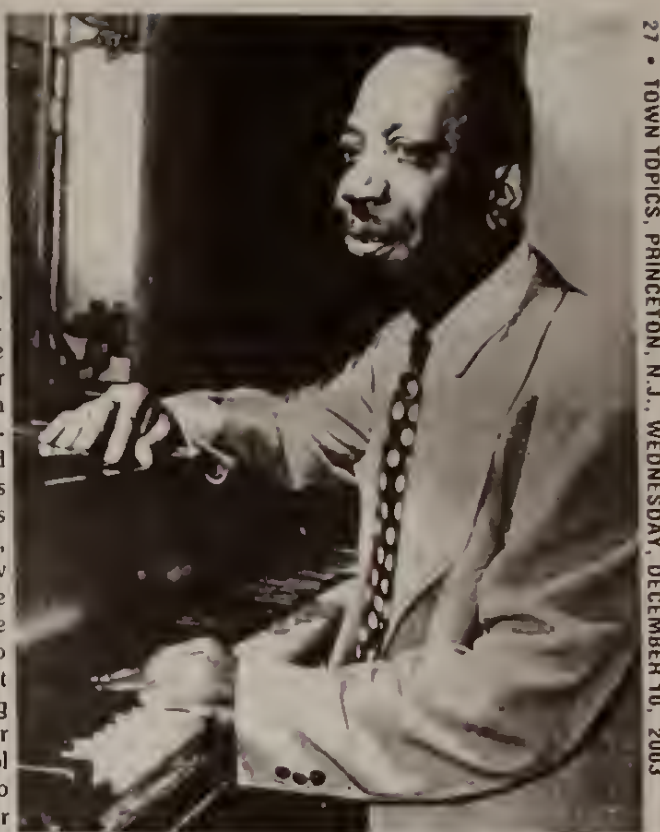
When an interviewer once asked the great tenor saxophonist Ben Webster what music he most enjoyed listening to, he said the first thing in the morning and the last thing before he went to bed he'd turn on Donald Lambert, Art Tatum, and Fats Waller, in that order. When I read this several years ago, I wondered "Who's Donald Lambert?" I'd been listening to jazz most of my life and I'd never heard of him. After checking several sources I finally found him in the *All Music Guide to Jazz*, which was when I first learned that he was born in Princeton. He's buried here, too, in the Princeton Cemetery, his gravesite unmarked until a special headstone with a line of his own music carved on it was installed on May 8, 1982.

Here's something else that might sound like another fantasy except that it apparently really happened. This same Donald Lambert who sat under the piano while his mother gave lessons began playing piano himself by the time he was five and five years later was providing the accompaniment for Charlie Chaplin shorts and William S. Hart westerns at a local moviehouse, most likely the Princeton Theater at the corner of Witherspoon and

Spring. Think of all the Princeton students, faculty, and townsfolk whose silent comedies, westerns, thrillers, and romances were being scored by a ten-year-old kid who never learned to read or write music.

Donald Lambert's Princeton roots are not shallow. Bayard and Skillman are family names. His mother was born Elma Julia Skillman. His paternal grandmother was Annis Bayard Whycoll. When he was six his family was living with his grandfather, Israel Skillman, at 23 Jackson Street (now Paul Robeson Place). By the time he was a teenager, he and his family had moved to 28 Quarry Street. No doubt his mother was still giving piano lessons there when her son decided to quit school and head for New York to finally found him in the *All Music Guide to Jazz*, himself. His mastery of stride piano, particularly his virtuoso incorporation of the most difficult keys, can be at least partly attributed to his refusal to learn to read music, since his mother's way of dealing with this was to teach him to play in any and every key.

If he had remained part of the New York scene, the Lamb would be at least as well known in jazz lore as Willie the Lion Smith. His vanquishing of better-known rivals like the Lion and Eubie Blake is part of his legend. He was "a tough man to beat on piano and could cut anybody on a good night," according to Fats Waller. Duke Ellington says the Lamb would come to the Harlem battlefield once or twice a year, astound everyone, and then return to New Jersey again. Eubie Blake recalls that he and the Lion were playing a concert with Lambert once and, not knowing him at the time, the Lion was making fun of the Lamb before he started to play. But the Lamb "wiped both of us out." Flash forward to the 1960 Newport Jazz Festival when Donald Lambert was persuaded out of his decades-long self-imposed exile in the Newark area to join his two old rivals in a stride program. Once again the Lamb carried the day, outplayed them both



KEYBOARD MASTER: Donald Lambert at the baby grand, Wallace's Hill Tavern circa 1950.

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and was hailed in the *New York Times* as one of the Jersey stars of the festival. If he'd wanted to, he could have taken advantage of the he was intensely competitive acclaim and shared his genius and thought nothing of chafing with New York audiences.

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Donald Lambert

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lenging even the great Art Tatum (who once reportedly refused to follow a dazzling performance by the Lamb at a wartime benefit), he wanted nothing to do with high-profile Manhattan venues like Cafe Society and Kelly's Stable on S2nd Street. Signed up for the latter engagement, he backed out in the process of renting a tuxedo, preferring the low-key lifestyle of New Jersey bars where such niceties were not required. He once told a Newark reporter that when in New Jersey, "I can play what I want and the life is peaceful." In-depth accounts of the New York jazz scene can be found in *Swing City* (Rutgers University Press 2002), which provided much of the information for this article.

For the last 25 years of his life Donald Lambert was content to be a cocktail and after-hours pianist in various north Jersey bars, the last of which was Wallace's Hill Tavern in West Orange, where one of his all too rare albums, *Meet the Lamb*, was recorded on six different nights between 1960 and 1962.

At his bedside when he died on May 8, 1962, was his grand-niece, John Street resident Leona Vernon. "We brought him back to Princeton," she says, "and as we stood around the grave, the owner of Wallace's gave us each a copy of his last record, *Giant Stride*, which had been released the day of his death." Mrs. Vernon has fond memories of holidays in her childhood and teens when Uncle Don would come down to Princeton and play for the family. "And I got to sit with him when he played!" You can tell by the lilt in her voice how it must have been to sit in the middle of all that music played by a man who could "make it sound like he was playing at St. Patrick's Cathedral."

—Stuart Mitchner

A Westminster Choir Is Invited to Perform At The White House

The Cantus Choir, the middle school honors choir at Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College, has been invited to sing at the White House on December 12. The choir, conducted by Patricia Thel, will perform seasonal pieces for a large holiday gathering attended by Mrs. Bush. They will provide the sole entertainment for the occasion.

Accompanying the choir will be Kevin O'Malia, the rehearsal accompanist for the choir, James Goldsworthy, associate professor in the piano and voice department at Westminster, and Barbara Highton Williams, flutist.

The Cantus Choir has 36 members in grades 6 through 8. It has performed frequently on the Westminster campus and in the Princeton community, and made a previous appearance at the White House in 1999. The choir's repertoire includes a variety of age-appropriate sacred and secular choral music.

Cantus students are expected to commit for two semesters with a minimum of 30 rehearsals. An audition and interview are required. In past years the choir performed at the National Cathedral, premiered works for children's choirs, recorded for Silver Burdett and Ginn, and sang with the Princeton University Orchestra and the Westminster Community Orchestra.

A member of the Westminster Conservatory faculty since 1988, and an adjunct assistant professor at Westminster Choir College, Ms. Thel sang with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus under the direction of Robert Shaw. Her teaching experience includes choral conducting and public school music in Georgia, North Carolina, and Washington, D.C.

Cantus Choir members from the Princeton area are Victoria Arnoux, Andrea Worby, Elise Bassett, Rebecca Saltzman, Sasha Welm, Emily Schulman, Jake Knipper, Molly Reinganum, Oisín Friel, Sean Synakowski, and Saumitra Sahi, all of Princeton; Graham Daniels, Nikita Schulman, Elizabeth Engel, Joe Thel, Caroline Hul, and Ariana Goldsworthy, all of Princeton Junction; Emily Scott, Lauren DeLucia, Amanda Triplett, and Erin Triplett, all of Skillman; and Christine Chen and Arti Golapudi, both of West Windsor.

The Westminster Conservatory has programs at five locations: Westminster Choir College in Princeton, St. Ann's School in Lawrenceville, Crossroads School South in South Brunswick, The Jersey Shore Arts Center in Ocean Grove, and the Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart in Princeton. For more information call (609) 921-7104.

CancerCare of New Jersey To Host McCarter Concert

CancerCare of New Jersey will host a benefit concert of Louisiana blues and jazz on Friday, February 27 at McCarter Theatre, titled *From Boyou to Bourbon Street*. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a reception honoring Dr.



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Michel Kane, followed by the performance at 8 p.m.

A member of CancerCare's Greater Mercer Area Board, Dr. Kane is medical director of The Cancer Institute of New Jersey at Hamilton, and an associate professor of medicine at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He will be recognized for his innovative work in the field of clinical research.

CancerCare is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help people with cancer and their families. Through one-to-one counseling, support groups, educational programs, and telephone con-

tact, CancerCare provides guidance, information, and referrals to those in need. The agency, which has offices in Princeton and Trenton, also offers limited financial assistance for treatment-related costs. All services are free of charge.

Ticket prices for the February 27 concert begin at \$100 and must be purchased in advance. Corporate Sponsorships and Advertising Opportunities are also available. For ticket or sponsorship information, call (609) 924-8752, ext. 122.

Gershwin Recital-Lecture To Be NAMI Fund-Raiser

NAMI Mercer, the Mercer County affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, is planning a musical program for its annual "Night Out With NAMI" fund-raiser, Sunday, January 11, at The College of New Jersey. Pianist and psychiatrist Richard Kogan will give a 3 p.m. lecture-recital, "George Gershwin, American Legend," on the link between the composer's mental illness and his musical brilliance.

The concert will be in TCNJ's Music Building's Wedgewood auditorium. Following the concert, guests will enjoy a variety of American regional cuisine in Eickhoff Hall.

Dr. Kogan is an international concert pianist and orchestral soloist. The New York Times has described his playing as "eloquent and compelling." He is also a psychiatrist with a private practice in New York City, and director of the Human Sexuality Program at New York Presbyterian-Weill-Cornell Medical Center.

Dr. Kogan has performed with cellist Yo-Yo Ma and violinist Lynn Chang. His lecture-performances explore the ways composers such as Beethoven, Chopin, Schumann and Gershwin used their inner conflict, illness and suffering as sources of inspiration. In "George Gershwin, American Legend," he will offer a musical perspective on the connection between Gershwin's creative genius and his episodes of depression, hyperactivity and attention deficit disorder.

Gershwin incorporated sounds such as train engines, whistles, and the squawks of Parisian taxi horns into such well-known compositions as *Rhapsody in Blue* and *An American in Paris*. Dr.

Kogan will play selections from the composer's music and discuss his tragic early death shortly after finishing his masterpiece, *Porgy and Bess*.

Seating will be open and informal. Tickets are \$35 for the concert, \$150 for the concert and dinner. For reservations, call (609) 777-9766.

Community College Offers Two Free Winter Concerts

Mercer County Community College will present two free concerts next week, the first by the College Chorus, the second by the College Jazz Band.

The Mercer County Community College Chorus concert will be Monday, December 15 at 8 p.m. in the lobby of the college's new Conference Center on the West Windsor Campus, 1200 Old Trenton Road. Conducted by Mitchell R. Weisiger, the chorus will present a varied program of holiday classics and traditional carols.

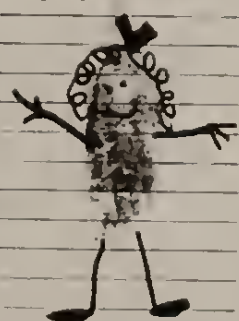
The Mercer County Community College Jazz Band will present its winter concert on Thursday, December 18 at 8 p.m. at Kelsey Theatre, also on the college's West Windsor Campus. Directed by James Kelly, the band will present a program of jazz and blues including "One Clear Day" and "Angel Eyes."

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A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS: The opening scene of "A Christmas Carol," now on stage at McCarter Theatre, portrays a classic Victorian Christmas, complete with snow, trees, carolers and songbooks. The Dickens story will play from now until Sunday, December 28.

(Photo by George Vogel)

"A Christmas Carol" At McCarter



A TINY REALITY: Scrooge observes Tiny Tim Cratchit, played by Danny Hollowell. The crippled boy and his poor family were the beneficiaries of Scrooge's moral rebirth, receiving from the reformed miser a Christmas turkey and a raise for Bob Cratchit.

(Photo by George Vogel)



MARLEY'S GHOST: Scrooge, played by Chris Jones, is startled by the ghost of his dead business partner, Marley, played by Aloysius Gigi.

(Photo by George Vogel)



HUMBUG NOTHING: Ebenezer Scrooge, played by Chris Jones, descends to a darkened street scape at the opening of the second act of "A Christmas Carol," now playing at McCarter Theatre.

(Photo by George Vogel)



LIGHT SLEEPER: Chris Jones as Ebenezer Scrooge levitates in this year's production of "A Christmas Carol" at McCarter Theatre. The Dickens Christmas classic will be on stage at the Princeton playhouse from Tuesday, December 9, until Sunday, December 28.

(Photo by George Vogel)



A PICKUP GAME: Behind the scenes of "A Christmas Carol" at McCarter Theatre, cast members enjoy a game of Pick Up Sticks as they wait for the curtain call. The players are, from left, Amy Hollowell, MacKenzie King, Rachael Haber, Danny Hollowell, Michael Francis and Sheridan Gates.

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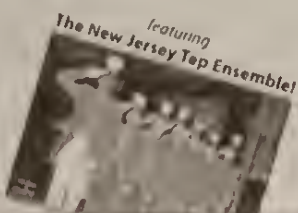
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Dance Group to Perform At Plainsboro Library

"In the Poet's Room" is the title of a dance performance by the LKB Dance group which will be held in the Community Room at The Plainsboro Public Library on Wednesday, December 10 at 6 p.m. The dance, described as "witty and romantic" by The Observer-Tribune, will be danced by Rebecca Woods, Kyle Shukls and Fumiko Rose.

The performance is free and appropriate for all ages.

Founded by Leah Kreutzer in 1999, the LKB Dance group is a modern dance company which seeks to incorporate historic dance forms in innovative programs. It has performed at the American Dance Guild Festival 2000, the International Conference for Global Civil Society at the Clarke Smith Performing Arts Center, the John Harms Center for the Arts, Rutgers University, and at its home, the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick.

Ms. Kreutzer began her dance training in St. Louis, Mo., where she was a principal dancer with the St. Louis Civic Ballet. A founding member of Anna Sokolow's Players' Project, she was also a collaborator in the founding of the East Coast Baroque Dance Workshop. Her teaching background includes 15 years on the faculty of Dance and Theater Arts at Rutgers University, and six years as a Teaching Artist with Lincoln Center Institute. Her work in the theater includes, most recently, *Much Ado About Nothing* at The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, and the world premiere of *The Lost Bridge* at the George Street Playhouse.

Ms. Rose has danced for Tokyo Disneyland as a parade and stage dancer. Mr. Shukls, currently with Dance Council Movement Theater and Randy James Dance Works, has performed with Alexandra Beller and with several independent choreographers. Ms. Woods, a ballet teacher in New York City, has

performed with the Juilliard Opera Company. All three dancers are now in their third seasons with LKBD.

The Plainsboro Public Library is located in the Municipal Complex at 641 Plainsboro Road. For details and/or directions, call (609) 275-2897.

"Annie" Starts Tonight At Bucks County Theater

A perennial favorite, the musical *Annie* will open Wednesday, December 10 at the Bucks County Playhouse and run for two weeks through Sunday, December 21.

The show tells the story of the carrot-topped orphan who prays for her parents to come and rescue her from the clutches of Miss Hannigan, an evil orphanage owner. When Annie is asked to spend Christmas with billionaire Oliver Warbucks, he plans to adopt her, a situation that is temporarily blocked by Miss Hannigan. Happiness wins out, however, when the President intervenes and Annie finds a permanent home with Warbucks.

The familiar musical score of *Annie* includes *Tomorrow*, *It's the Hard-Knock Life* and *Easy Street*.

The role of Annie will be shared by two young actresses. Taylor Stabler of Ambler, Pa., will play the part during the show's first week, Jackie Ross of Flemington during the second. The production is directed and choreographed by Playhouse artistic director Stephen Casey.

Performances are Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m., Wednesday at 2 p.m. and Thursday and Friday at 11 a.m.

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CINEMA REVIEW

"Something's Gotta Give"

When a Womanizer Finally Falls in Love, "Something's Gotta Give"

Confirmed bachelor Harry Sanborn (Jack Nicholson) is a multi-millionaire corporate magnate who owns publishing, Internet, and rap music empires. The 63-year-old tycoon is also an inveterate ladies man who lavishes as much attention on the bevy of much-younger beauties he beds as he does on his successful enterprises.

However, everything changes for the playboy when he has a heart attack while indulging his libido with his latest conquest, Marin (Amanda Peet), an attractive associate at Christie's Auction House. He becomes ill during a weekend fling at her mother's (Diane Keaton) beach house in the Hamptons. Plenty of unexpected sparks start to fly when Marin's workaholic mom, Erica, finds herself saddled with having to nurse her uninvited houseguest back to health with a little TLC.

Will the cardiac patient finally settle down with the post-menopausal Broadway playwright who is an attractive divorcee of appropriate age? Will well-respected Erica allow herself to fall for the crude, womanizing lech who's been dating her daughter? Or will she instead entertain the overtures of the relatively refined, solicitous young doctor (Keanu Reeves) who arrives to attend to Harry? And will Marin fight for the affection of her sickly Sugar Daddy, or will she dutifully defer to her mother's designs on her man? What a love quadrangle!

Obviously, when a plot rests on such a prickly premise, something's gotta give, hence the self-explanatory title for this romantic comedy written and directed by Nancy Meyers. The Oscar-nominated Meyers (for *Private Benjamin*), is best known as the better half of the husband and wife team of Meyers and Shyer. Her ex-husband, Charles Shyer, started out as the head-writer for TV's *The Odd Couple*, before collaborating with his spouse on a dozen feature films. Among the many hits the pair produced together were

Private Benjamin (1980), *Baby Boom* (1987), and *Father of the Bride* (1991). Unfortunately, they separated in 1998 after they made *The Parent Trap*. On her own, Meyers has already directed a \$200 million chick flick in *Whit Women Won't* (2000) and now has another blockbuster with *Something's Gotta Give*.

Credit goes to a trio of very likable Oscar-winners, Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton, and Frances McDormand, for managing to elevate Meyer's semi-autobiographical script to the level of sophisticated material bordering on first-rate entertainment. In less talented hands, the movie would essentially be exposed as an overblown, overextended, television sitcom masquerading as a pretentious melodrama. However, all three deliver endearing performances, in the process overshadowing the wanting work of the terminally-wooden Keanu Reeves and the Barbie doll delivery of Amanda Peet.

The Impressive Nicholson is endearing as a suddenly vulnerable lout who is surprised to find himself

fall in love for the first time. He handles both his romantic overtures and his witty punchlines with such aplomb, that the production never sounds a false note. The frenetic Keaton is next best, although her giggly, addlepatented Annie Hall act goes from ingratiating to just plain grating by the film's final act.

McDormand plays her younger sister, while Paul Michael Glaser (Starsky of TV's *Starsky and Hutch*) appears as the ex-husband on good enough terms to still produce his wife's plays. Set in New York, but shot mostly on lots in Hollywood, the movie offers just enough Manhattan and Long Island locations to look authentic. All is augmented by a soulful soundtrack of R & B oldies designed to tug at your heartstrings.

Vintage Nicholson and Keaton, like fine wines, improve with age.

Very Good (★★★). Rated PG-13 for nudity, sex content, and some salty language.

—Kam Williams



SOMETHINGS HAS GIVEN: Harry (Jack Nicholson, left) enjoys a picnic in the Hamptons while being nursed back to health by Erica (Diane Keaton).

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AT THE CINEMA

Bad Santa (R for violence, pervasive profanity, and strong sexual content). Irreverent holiday flick with Billy Bob Thornton and Tony Cox as con men disguised as St. Nick and an elf, respectively, who go on a mail crime spree chased by a detective (Bernie Mac) till they get the Christmas spirit from an 8-year-old kid. Includes the final screen appearance of the late John Ritter.

Brat Bear (G). Old-fashioned animated feature from Disney, set in the West before the arrival of the white man, tells the tale of the unlikely friendship forged between a young, Native American brave (Joaquin Phoenix) and an anthropomorphic grizzly bear cub (Jeremy Suarez). Additional voicework supplied by Michael Clarke Duncan and Rick Moranis.

The Cat in the Hat (PG for crude humor and double entendres). Mike Myers morphs into the title character of the Dr. Seuss children's classic about a young brother (Spencer Breslin) and sister (Dakota Fanning) left home alone who get an unexpected visit from a fun-loving feline. Supporting cast includes Kelly Preston and Paris Hilton.

Elf (PG for crude humor and mild epithets). Roots comedy about the search for his biological father by a man (Will Ferrell) raised as an Elf by Santa Claus (Ed Asner) at the North Pole.

Gothika (R for violence, nudity and brief profanity). Horror flick with Halle Berry as a shrink with amnesia who finds herself committed to her own asylum and accused of her husband's (Charles Dutton) murder. With Robert Downey, Jr. and Penelope Cruz.

The Haunted Mansion (PG for frightening images, mild epithets, and adult themes). Fresh on the heels of the phenomenal success of *Pirates of the Caribbean*, Disney adapts another amusement park ride into a feature film. Eddie Murphy stars in this horror comedy as a workaholic who learns a valuable lesson about life from a ghost that appears during a job interview at a haunted house.

Honey (PG-13 for sexual references and drug content). Jessica Alba stars in this inner-city saga about an aspiring dancer who has to choose between being blacklisted and the casting couch. Street credibility comes courtesy of earthy Mekhi Phifer and rappers Jay-Z, Missy 'Misdemeanor' Elliott, Lil' Romeo and Tweet.

The Human Stain (R for nudity, sex, and expletives). Anthony Hopkins is a distinguished professor posing as a Jew who has hidden his African-American roots for years. Disgraced for making a racial slur, the Viagra-popping poser takes refuge in a steamy affair with a janitor (Nicole Kidman) with a very jealous husband.

The Last Samurai (R for graphic violence). Tom Cruise stars as a grizzled gun-slinging Civil War vet, who develops second thoughts about wiping out Japan's remaining samurai warriors. In Japanese and English with subtitles.

Lost in Translation (R for sex content). Drama about an over-the-hill movie star (Bill Murray), in Tokyo to tape a TV commercial, who befriends a bored housewife (Scarlett Johansson) neglected by her workaholic husband.

Love Actually (R for sex, nudity and profanity). Irreverent British holiday comedy about 8 London couples in crisis whose lives become hopelessly intertwined by Christmas Eve.

Love Don't Cost a Thing (PG-13 for off-color humor). This blackface remake of *Can't Buy Me Love* (1987) has Nick Cannon as the high school nerd who pays a cute cheerleader (Christina Milian) to pose as his girlfriend to improve his social status. Cast includes comedian Steve Harvey and rapper Fabolous.

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13 for battle scenes and intermittent expletives). Peter Weir's adaptation of the Patrick O'Brian seafaring adventure, set during the Napoleonic Wars, stars Russell Crowe as the Captain of a British man-of-war chasing a French frigate around Cape Horn.

The Missing (R for violence). A Ron Howard directed Western with Tommy Lee Jones as a father who mends fences with his estranged daughter (Cate Blanchett) in time to hunt the outlaws who kidnapped her child. Val Kilmer, Rachel Evan Wood, and Aaron Eckhart are included in a top-flight cast.

Mystic River (R for profanity and violence). Clint Eastwood directed this labyrinthine whodunit starring Sean Penn as a man whose daughter has been murdered. Kevin Bacon and Laurence Fishburne co-star as the detectives handling the investigation, and Tim Robbins surfaces as the prime suspect.

Pieces of April (PG-13 for sensuality, expletives, drug content, and nudity). Katie Holmes stars in the title role of this comedy of errors as a Greenwich Village bohemian from a staid, suburban family who invites her folks to her tiny, dilapidated apartment for a holiday feast with her black boyfriend (Derek Luke).

Shattered Glass (PG-13 for epithets, sexual references, and brief drug use). Illuminating biopic recounts the rise and fall of Stephen Glass, the Washington, D.C. journalist who was later exposed as a fraud.

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—Kam Williams

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Anderson on Fire for Tiger Women's Ice Hockey As She Shoots For Final Four and 2006 Olympics

Gretchen Anderson learned to play ice hockey on a frozen pond across the street from her family's home in Wellesley, Mass. when she was a toddler. It will help me in the long run to grow in other ways."

Dragged onto the ice by her four older brothers, Anderson grew from being their "toy" in neighborhood hockey battles into one of the best prep players in New England and a mainstay for the Princeton University women's ice hockey team.

Now, the senior forward is hoping that her skills in the game she loves will take her to the 2006 Olympic Games in Torino, Italy as a member of the U.S. women's national team.

Anderson is certainly taking her game to a new level as she winds up her college career, having scored a team-leading 15 goals for the 7-5 Tigers.

The outgoing and affable 5'6" Anderson attributes her blazing start, in part, to having played the last two summers on the U.S. Under-22 team.

"It's so much better to be playing with people who are better than you are," explained Anderson after a recent practice at Baker Rink.

"It gives me a taste of what I can have if I work hard. That's ultimately what I want. It's been my dream to play in the 2006 Olympics."

So while many of her classmates put on their suits and interview for jobs in the real world after graduation, Anderson is focused on succeeding in the hockey world.

"A part of me wants to do that, to get in the work force and be independent," said Anderson, flashing a ready grin and then breaking into her infectious chuckle.

"But the other part of me realizes that I can work the rest of my life. I want to play on the national team the next few years. I think that they're going to have a full-time

training team so that will basically be my full-time job. I think that's good experience, it will help me in the long run to grow in other ways."

Anderson has left no stone unturned in her effort to make an impact on the national level. She has made herself into a two-way player, diligently working to get her defensive skills on par with her offensive game.

In addition, she has dedicated herself to getting in the best shape possible, working extensively over last summer with Boston-area conditioning guru Mike Boyle, who helps train the Boston Bruins of the NHL and the Boston University men's hockey program.

Princeton head coach Jeff Kampersal believes that Anderson's dedication has resulted in her becoming one of the best players to ever wear the Princeton uniform.

"There are a lot of good players on the college level, but there are not a lot of great goal scorers," said Kampersal of Anderson who has 72 career goals and could end up as one of the top five goal scorers in Princeton history if she keeps up her current scoring pace.

"Gretchen is one of those kids who makes a difference. She's driven to produce. She has been a real catalyst for us. She's a constant scoring threat on the ice and she has kickstarted our offense this year. She's completely on fire."

Anderson is dedicated to getting the most out of her senior season. "We have a great chemistry on the team," said Anderson, who is one of the squad's assistant captains. "It's been the best four years of my life. It's very, very bittersweet coming to the end. I've only got 20 games left. It's been a great experience and I try to never take it



OLYMPIAN EFFORT: Princeton senior forward Gretchen Anderson squeezes between two New Hampshire defenders in recent action. Anderson has a team-leading 15 goals for the 7-5 Tigers and is shooting to earn a berth on the U.S. women's national team for the 2006 Olympics. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

for granted."

Kampersal believes Anderson can have a great experience for the national team if she keeps working hard. "Gretchen needs to prove that she can score at the next level," said Kampersal, who was an assistant coach this summer for the U-22 team. "She's gone up to play with the U-22s two years in a row and has done really well. She needs a longer period to be evaluated. She's knocking on the door."

But as Kampersal will tell you, the more you see Anderson play, the more you like her. "When you get to watch her every day it's a treasure and a pleasure," said Kampersal, whose club plays at Findlay in Ohio on December 13 and 14. "When you watch her,

you automatically become a fan."

Before she embarks on her quest to make it to the 2006 Olympics, Anderson wants to give some more joy to Princeton hockey fans. "Our program has just been getting better and better the last few years," asserted Anderson, whose 19 goals last season led Princeton to a program-record 20 victories and a spot in the ECAC Final Four.

"We want to finish in the top 1, 2, or 3 in the ECAC playoffs so we can get home ice for the playoffs. I think we can make the national Final Four. We belong there, we need to prove that to the league and the country."

After that, Anderson can then prove that she belongs on the U.S. national team.

—Bill Alden

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Digovich and Classmates Learning As Tiger Women's Hoops Struggles

Princeton University freshman Katy Digovich will always remember the first home game of her college basketball career.

Unfortunately, her memories won't be altogether positive as the Tigers fell 56-53 to previously winless Lehigh in their first appearance at Jadwin Gym this season.

The Tigers did show some fight down the stretch as they went on a 9-2 run after falling behind 52-44 with 6:36 remaining in the game. Maybe the most encouraging aspect of the team's late rally was that it came with four freshmen on the floor, as Digovich and classmates Elyse Umeda, Kelli Hughes, and Casey Lockwood tried to pull out the win.

Digovich, who poured in a team-high 18 points against the Mountain Hawks, understandably had a mixed reaction to the night's events.

"It was definitely exciting to play a game on our home court," said Digovich, who hit four three-point shots. "We've played a lot of away games and it was definitely a different feeling to have a supportive crowd."

That excitement, however, was tempered by the ultimate result. "We're a young team but we don't have time to be young," maintained the 6'0 Digovich, a native of Palo Alto, Calif. who scored 1,920 points in her high school career and was an honorable-mention McDonald's All-American.

"We're going to have to grow up fast. I think losing like this is a lesson, I really think that we came out taking this team a bit for granted. We're going to take this hard and we're going to take it to heart."

Princeton head coach Richard Barron certainly took the loss hard. "I think the only positive thing about this game is that we learned something," said a glum Barron, whose club went to fall 71-47 at Sacred Heart last Saturday to drop to 1-4 on the season. "There was nothing positive about our performance. I thought it was very sloppy. We just didn't look at all like we had in the first three games of the season."

For Barron, the loss to Lehigh was particularly dismaying since it was the first truly negative outing of the season for his young club. "We had gotten something positive out of every game," explained Barron, whose club plays at Hofstra on December 13.

"Against Nebraska, we played well. We won the second half, that was our goal at halftime. Against Louisville we got down by 21 but then cut it to three. You have to feel good about yourselves after that. Then we won by

26 [beating Samford 84-58]. This is the first time they've been hit like this."

With a lineup featuring six freshmen and four sophomores, Barron isn't sure how his team will react. "It's hard to know, to understand the personality of this team," said Barron, who is in his third season at the Tiger helm and now has a 21-39 record.

"We've spoken a lot about being excited to play Nebraska or Louisville but you have to look at the games that you should win as the big games."

Digovich believes that she and her classmates will rise to the challenge. "The players in college are a lot bigger, a lot stronger, and a lot quicker," said Digovich, who is averaging a team-high 13.6 points per game from her post position.

"That's an adjustment both offensively and defensively. It's definitely a good sign that the freshmen are getting on the floor. Sometimes, we've had five out there at the same time, they're all good players."

And if they take something from the hard lessons they're learning, the Tiger freshmen may start producing some wins.

—Bill Alden



YOUTH MOVEMENT: Princeton freshman star Katy Digovich, right, drives hard to the basket on her way to scoring 18 points in the Tigers' 56-53 loss to Lehigh last Wednesday. Digovich is scoring a team-high 13.6 points per game for 1-4 Princeton.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



HEAVY TRAFFIC: Princeton freshman Kelli Hughes, left, gets tied up by two Lehigh defenders in the Tigers' 56-53 loss to the Mountain Hawks. Princeton will look to get back on the winning track when it plays at Hofstra on December 13.

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Tiger Men's Hoops Brings 4-1 Mark Into Scrap with Local Bully Rutgers

After venturing some 3,000 miles or so last weekend to get a split in the McCaffrey Classic in Fresno, Calif., the Princeton University men's basketball team will face a formidable task as it travels just 15 miles this Saturday to face old rival Rutgers.

The 4-1 Tigers bring some imposing numbers into their clash with the Scarlet Knights. Princeton is shooting 53 percent from the field and is hitting 40.2 percent from the three-point range.

Individually, junior center Judson Wallace is off to a sizzling start, averaging 22.8 points a game and shooting 63 percent from the field. The rest of the Tiger starters are showing good balance, with Scott Greenman averaging 10.2 points, Konrad Wysocki at 8.6, Ed Persia at 7.6, and Will Venable with a 7.0 mark.

More importantly, the Tigers enter Saturday's showdown having proved that they have some resilience to go with their skill. After dropping a 57-55 heartbreaker to UC Irvine last Friday, the Tigers rebounded nicely one night later as they fought off Fresno State and a hostile crowd of 14,420 to come away with a hard-earned 72-67 decision.

"We did a nice job of keeping our composure in a difficult environment tonight," said Princeton head coach John Thompson III in his media conference after Saturday's win. "We ran our offense well most of the night and when they made runs at us, we stayed focused on run-

ning our stuff and getting good shots."

The Tigers will need to show that kind of focus if they are going to escape the raucous Louis Brown Athletic Center, or "The RAC," with a win. Princeton has lost its last four meetings with Rutgers and hasn't won at the RAC since 1997, a venue

that is known for being one of the toughest stops in college basketball for visiting teams.

Like Princeton, the Scarlet Knights have gotten out of the gate with aplomb going 3-1 in their first four outings. Rutgers has three key weapons in Herve Lamizana, who is averaging 14.5 points a game, Ricky Shields at 13.5 ppg and precocious freshman Quincy Douby, coming up

with 11.5 points a game off the bench.

Wallace, who hit a big hook shot with 20 seconds remaining to help seal the Tigers' win over Fresno State, is relishing the clutch situations so far this season.

"I love having the ball in those situations, and my teammates look for me to make a play near the end of the shot clock," asserted Wallace, speaking to reporters

after last Saturday's triumph. "We're used to those situations and feel confident in getting a good shot."

Wallace and his mates will likely need to utilize that confidence in order to escape Saturday with a win.

—Bill Alden

Tiger Men's Ice Hockey Splits in Weekend Action

Despite strong performances from Mike Patton and Grant Goeckner-Zoeller, the Princeton University men's ice hockey team fell 6-4 at Rensselaer last Saturday.

Patton and Goeckner-Zoeller each had three points as the Tigers battled back from a 4-0 deficit only to come up short in the end.

Princeton had gotten the weekend off on a strong note, topping Union 4-0 last Friday as sophomore goaltender Eric Leroux recorded his second shutout in three games. Leroux had 16 saves in the win while the Tigers got goals from Sharam Fouladger-Mercer, Patrick Neundorfer, Seamus Young, and Chris Owen.

Princeton, now 4-8 overall and 4-6 in ECAC play will travel to Northeastern on December 13 before hosting Harvard on December 16.

Princeton Currently 15th In Directors' Cup Ranking

The Princeton University athletics program began its quest for a fifth Top-25 finish in the Directors' Cup ranking by placing 15th in the initial fall standings.

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Academy Directors' Cup, which was previously known as the Sears Directors' Cup and the NCDA Directors' Cup, attempts to reward the top overall college athletic program by virtue of NCAA championship appearances.

Princeton has finished on the Top 25 four times in the nine years of the award. It is the only non-scholarship school to ever finish in the Top 25.

Tiger Squash Teams Post Easy Victories

The Princeton University squash program enjoyed a fine weekend as both the men's and women's teams cruised to easy wins.

The men's team swept past Brown 9-0 last Saturday and then followed that up with a 9-0 win over Brown a day later to improve to 4-0. The women's team also blanked Brown 9-0 as it improved to 3-0.

Princeton Men's Swimmers Triumph at Invitational

The Princeton University men's swimming team posted an easy victory at the Princeton Invitational last weekend while the Tiger women's team finished second to national power California.

In the men's competition, Princeton was first of 10 teams with 1,248 points, outscoring second place Rutgers by 555 points. The Tiger women were edged by Cal, which piled up 1,022 points to Princeton's 841 in the 12-school competition.



FRONT AND CENTER: Princeton junior center Judson Wallace drives past a Holy Cross defender in the Tigers' 61-55 win over the Crusaders on November 28. Wallace is averaging 22.8 points a game for Princeton, which brings a 4-1 record into its clash at Rutgers on December 13.

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Hun Girls' Hoops Shows Balance In Winning Stuart Tourney Again

With the Hun School girls' basketball team featuring a bevy of new faces this winter, junior guard Ica Morales is primed to take more of a leadership role.

"It's my turn to step up and be the point guard, I'm excited about it," said the 5'0 Morales, who played off-guard much of the time in her sophomore season with the Raiders.

"We had some solid seniors who have graduated. Despite lacking the seniority, we still have girls that are really enthusiastic. I think it's really refreshing. I'm having a lot of fun playing with the younger girls."

Morales and her younger mates had some fun last week as they started the season by winning the Stuart Tip-Off Tournament, breezing by the host Tartans 63-34 in the championship game on December 3.

Junior transfer Shantee Darrian led the Raiders in the title game with 15 points while Mary Stinson chipped in 10 and Morales, Biz Fries, Jill Fonseca, and Chelsey Baxter each added six. Darrian and junior forward Nadine Maeser were named to the All-Tournament team.

In winning their second straight Stuart tourney, the Raiders had to overcome a determined Abington Friends in the December 2 opener as they held on to win a 45-43 nailbiter.

Morales believes that the club made some major progress as it defended its crown. "Yesterday we struggled a bit," said Morales, who chipped in five points in Hun's opening round game. "Today the girls wanted it more and wanted to come together. The attitude was great, everybody was unselfish. The ball movement was good, the defense was good."

For Hun head coach Bill Holup, the team's unselfishness was a major positive of its performance at the Stuart event. "The girls were looking for each other," said Holup.

"When they do that, we can get some good open shots. I don't think that anybody on the team cares how much they score. That's what we need and it makes us more of a dangerous team."

Holup is looking for Morales to take a lead role in triggering the Hun offense. "Ica is getting more and more experience," said Holup. "She's a smart player with a good shot. She works hard and that's all you can ask."

The play of Darrian and Maeser also pleased Holup. "Shantee had an ankle sprain and it's taken a while for her to get her rhythm back," he added. "She can grab rebounds and put it on the floor. Nadine is a really solid player. She hustles and gets a lot of garbage baskets."

The fifth-year head coach thought his club gave him just about all he could ask for in the first two games of the season. "It was two good games for us," said Holup, whose club will play at Shipley on December 10 and at Rutgers Prep on December 11 before hosting George School on December 13.

"Abington Friends was a real tough game. I thought it went a long way for us in terms of building character, to be able to weather a storm and win a close game against a good team. We're more athletic than we've been in the past. The pace of the game was to our advantage."

Morales, for her part, believes Hun will be picking up the pace as the season goes on. "We definitely want to build on this, I think it was



MORALE BUILDER: Hun School junior point guard Ica Morales weaves through the Stuart defense in Hun's 63-34 win over the Tartans last Wednesday in the championship game of the Stuart Tip-Off tournament. Morales had six points in the title game for Hun, which plays at Shipley on December 10 and at Rutgers Prep on December 11 before hosting George School on December 13.

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SMOOTH TRANSFER: Hun School junior star Shantee Darrian lofts a jumper on her way to a team-high 15 points in the Raiders' 63-34 rout of Stuart last Wednesday in the championship game of the Stuart Tip-Off Tournament. Darrian, a transfer from the Granville Academy, made the All-Tournament team as Hun won the Stuart event for the second straight year.

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PDS Girls' Hoops Starts 0-2 But Shows Signs of Progress

Although the Princeton Day School girls' basketball team dropped both of its games at last week's Stuart Tip-off Tournament, PDS head coach Sue Repko saw plenty of good signs.

"It's good for us to be tested and see where we're at," said Repko, whose club fell 56-53 to host Stuart on December 2 and then lost

61-45 to Abington Friends the next day in the tourney's consolation game.

"We played a tough game with Stuart yesterday. We went down early but came back. We were down by 12 or 13 in the first and got it to one at the half. Today we were a little fatigued. Playing two days in a row is tough and Abington Friends is a real solid team."

Repko thinks she has the players who can make the Panthers into a solid team as the season unfolds. Kathryn Batchelor and Marla Pfenniger made the All-Tournament team at the Stuart event while returnees Ellen Cook and Katie Levine

showed signs of progress

"Batchelor had a such a strong game yesterday and really showed what her potential is," said Repko of the senior center who scored 17 points in the loss to Stuart. "Last year, I really hadn't seen that at all. That was a really bright sign for us."

Repko was similarly encouraged by the play of sophomore point Cook and senior forward Levine.

"Ellen Cook had a really good game, I was very pleased with her ballhandling and composure," added Repko, whose team plays at Pennington School on December 11, hosts St.

Andrew's on December 13, and then plays at Purnell on December 15. "Katie Levine scored a few more points for us in these than she had last year. It looks like we're going to have a balanced offense."

In the wake of the two losses, Repko acknowledged that her team has some work to do. "I think we need to work a little more on our conditioning and defense," added the second-year coach.

All in all, though, the Panthers' last week effort left Repko excited about her team's prospects. "I'm really optimistic about the year ahead," she said with a smile. "The kids are really hustling and doing a lot of things better fundamentally than we did last year."

—Bill Alden



COURT VISION: PDS sophomore guard Lexi Cheshier prepares to dish the ball to a teammate last Wednesday in the Panthers' 61-45 defeat to Abington Friends in the consolation game of the Stuart Tip-Off Tournament. In upcoming action, PDS, now 0-2, plays at Pennington School on December 11, hosts St. Andrew's on December 13, and then plays at Purnell on December 15.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



BATCHELOR PARTY: Princeton Day School senior Kathryn Batchelor powers to the basket in the Panthers' 61-45 loss to Abington Friends last Wednesday in the consolation game of the Stuart Tip-Off Tournament. Batchelor, who scored a total of 24 points for the Panthers in the Stuart event, was named to the All-Tournament team.

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PHS Boys' Swim Team Lost Stars, Looking to Scrap its Way to Wins

This past March, the Princeton High boys' swimming team culminated a dominant campaign by taking second in the NJSIAA Public B state tournament.

The narrow 91-79 loss to Mainland culminated the careers of a special crew of seniors who helped the program win two straight Mercer County titles and make it to two straight state finals.

As PHS coach Greg Hand looks ahead to the upcoming season, he acknowledges that the program will sorely miss its Class of 2003 that featured such stars as distance specialist Mark Fisher, butterfly star Yoshi Deligne, and ace backstroke Nate Ristuccia.

"The seniors that graduated had such a great run, they can't be replaced," asserted Hand, whose team went 14-1 last winter with its only losses in dual meets over the last two years having come in the state finals.

"We were almost always able to win the eight individual events and two of the three relays. We then got a lot of seconds, thirds, and fourths to win the meets."

While the Little Tigers may not have the star-studded line-up this winter to rival the last few seasons, they still boast some headliners including towering senior freestyler Jesse Applegate and junior medley and breaststroke star Pete Hand.

"This year's squad will have some dominant frontliners and good back-up," explained Hand, who is in his eight year guiding the PHS swimming program. "Jesse and Pete are in great shape, their strokes are still improving."

Other veterans who should score plenty of points for PHS include seniors Andrew Ferguson, Billy Boyce, and Anson Hook.

Ferguson could emerge as

a force, according to Hand. "Andrew is not swimming at the club level and is doing a terrific job leading the team in workouts and in training," said Hand. "He has really developed his fitness, he will be a much stronger swimmer this season."

Other veterans who will contribute include Juniors Tom McKinley, Zach Juffe, Matt Millar, John Shaw, and Ben Tsou together with sophomores Devin White and Wan Cha.

Hand has several freshmen who should make an impact such as Alec Hook, Joe Carroll, Mike Stehn, James Beslity, Jimmy Newcombe, Andrew Gavenda, and Nick Cekan.

While Hand isn't expecting this team to match what the program has accomplished the last two winters, he is optimistic about its prospects.

"I think that in the easier meets we will be fine but the



THE PETER PRINCIPLE: Princeton High junior star Peter Hand swimming to victory in a race last winter in a season that saw PHS make it to its second straight state Public B team finals. Hand and his teammates start their 2003-04 campaign when they compete in the Knight Relay Invitational on December 13 and then travel to Steinert on December 16.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

rivalry meets will produce much closer contests," said Hand, whose team opens the season by competing in the Knight Relay Invitational at WW/P-N on December 13 and then travelling to Steinert on December 16.

"It would be a huge reach to think that we could win counties, it would be great to be in the top three."

But no matter what results the Little Tigers achieve, Hand is sure that his swim-

mers will get the most out of what they have. "I know we will swim with the same kind of attitude," maintained Hand. "We'll take the right approach and we'll scrap."

—Bill Alden

PHS Girls' Swim Team Has Depth To Continue its Recent Progress

The Princeton High girls' swim team comes into this season looking to build on its recent progress.

"I think we will be a bit stronger," said head coach Greg Hand, whose club went 5-6 last season and made it to the sectional quarterfinals of the Public B state tournament. "We will be filling the lanes with kids who have improved. It remains to be seen how they will do when the meets start and whether they can get to the level where they will score."

One swimmer who Hand knows will score plenty of points is sophomore superstar Nina Rossi. As a freshman, Rossi emerged as one of the top swimmers in the area, winning the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly at the Mercer

County Swimming Championships where she was named the meet's Most Valuable Swimmer on the girls' side.

"Nina's in great shape, her strokes are fine," said Hand in assessing Rossi's current form. "Her attitude is very positive and nothing is discouraging her right now about swimming."

Two of Hand's more experienced veterans, senior distance/butterfly star Kristen Gray and junior freestyler/breastroker Maddy Carroll, will be a big help to the team's attitude. "Kristen is in great shape, she's doing a great job as our captain," said Hand. "Maddy is also in great shape."

Hand is expecting good

things from a core of juniors, Hannah Gursky, Caroline Sholl, Brittany Fiorello, and Whitney Paterson. "They are non-club swimmers and they've really learned how to race," said Hand, who is also expecting key contributions from senior Olivia Prevost and junior Emma Impink.

PHS boasts a good crop of newcomers featuring freshman Martha Ferguson, juniors Raine Katz, Melissa Carduner, Emily Frantzen, and Katie Gavenda together with senior Katleigh Denchak. "We have a few new kids who should help," said Hand, whose club opens its season by competing on December 13 at the Knight Relay Invitational at WW/P-N and then swimming at Steinert on December 16.



FLYING HIGH: Princeton High sophomore swimming star Nina Rossi sprints to victory in a butterfly race last season. Rossi, who emerged as one of the top swimmers in the area as a freshman, was named the Most Valuable Swimmer in the Mercer County Swimming Championship meet. The Little Tigers start their season this weekend when they compete in the Knight Relay Invitational on December 13 and then travel to Steinert on December 16.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Hand knows, however, acknowledged Hand.

that improvement isn't going to come easy for his girls' against the clock all season. I'm looking forward to the team. "We will still be fighting for a .500 record," and get power points we

could get a higher seed in the states and a home meet. "We will be swimming the clock all season. I'm looking forward to the team. "We will still be fighting for a .500 record," and get power points we

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Young Guns Make Sudden Impact As PHS Boys' Hockey Starts 2-1

Coming into the season, Paul Merrow knew that his Princeton High boys' ice hockey team had some outstanding freshmen but he figured it would be a while before they made a major contribution.

Instead, PHS' young guns, featuring forwards John Ryan and Peter Tiefer together with goalie Shane Leuck, made a sudden impact as the club started its season last week.

In the Little Tigers' season opener on December 2 against Hightstown, Tiefer and Ryan both debuted with goals while Leuck was rock-solid in the net with 21 saves.

Building on that stellar start, Ryan scored twice and had two assists while Tiefer chipped in a goal as PHS topped WW/P-S 5-2 a day later.

Last Monday, PHS tasted defeat for the first time this season as they spotted Steinert a three-goal lead and then fought back valiantly before succumbing 4-3.

Merrow is pleased with how his freshmen have gotten out of the gate. "The freshman have gotten off to a surprisingly good start," said Merrow whose club went 11-8-3 last season.

"I knew they were good from how they played on our summer team and in pre-season. They have a lot of talent but I thought it would take the month of December to harness things."

Up front, Merrow inserted Ryan and Tiefer into the first line and they have certainly lived up to that billing.

"They both bring a good thought process to the game," said Merrow in assessing the play of his two freshman forwards. "They know where to be on the ice."

Leuck has been equally impressive anchoring the Little Tigers' defense. "Shane started with two good games in goal," added Merrow in assessing his freshman netminder who had 27 saves in the win over WW/P-S. "The goaltending stands out as a

highlight for us so far."

While the newcomers have drawn attention, Merrow credits his most experienced player, senior forward Matt Leuck, with being the glue holding the team together.

"Matt is our senior captain and I have him playing between Ryan and Tiefer," said Merrow. "He's leading those guys, he's showing them the way."

Merrow is also getting good work from another veteran, sophomore forward Sam Finnell. "Sam started on the first line but we moved him back to the second line to play with Nick Brenner and Peter Miller," explained the eight-year head coach.

"He's playing well. He needs to realize that he has two capable players with him and that he doesn't have to do everything."

The Little Tigers' mix of veteran leadership and precocious newcomers has the team playing with more intensity collectively.

"There is more intensity shift-to-shift," maintained Merrow, whose club has been getting good defensive work from Brad Carduner and Jon Forman. "When they have had a bad shift, they want to go out and make the next one much better."

The team's hot start has left Merrow with a problem he hadn't previously envisioned.

"We have to make sure that we don't get overconfident," said Merrow, whose club faces Westfield on December 12 at Baker Rink and then plays Nottingham on December 15 at Mercer County Park.

"I'm cautiously optimistic, every season has its ups and downs. We need to improve our defensive zone coverage. I think we'll be OK, nine goals in first two games is a good start."

And if Merrow's young guns can build on their sparkling debut, the Little Tigers might be looking at a good finish.

—Bill Alden

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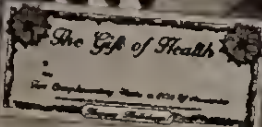
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STUART

Basketball: The Tartans started the season by splitting two games in their Stuart Tip-Off Tournament. In the tournament's opening round on December 2, Stuart topped Princeton Day School 56-53 as Maya Thompson scored 24 points and Kathryn Kitts

chipped in 18. The Tartans fell in the title game the next day as they were routed 63-34 by Hun. Stuart will next be in action when it plays at Peddie on December 11.

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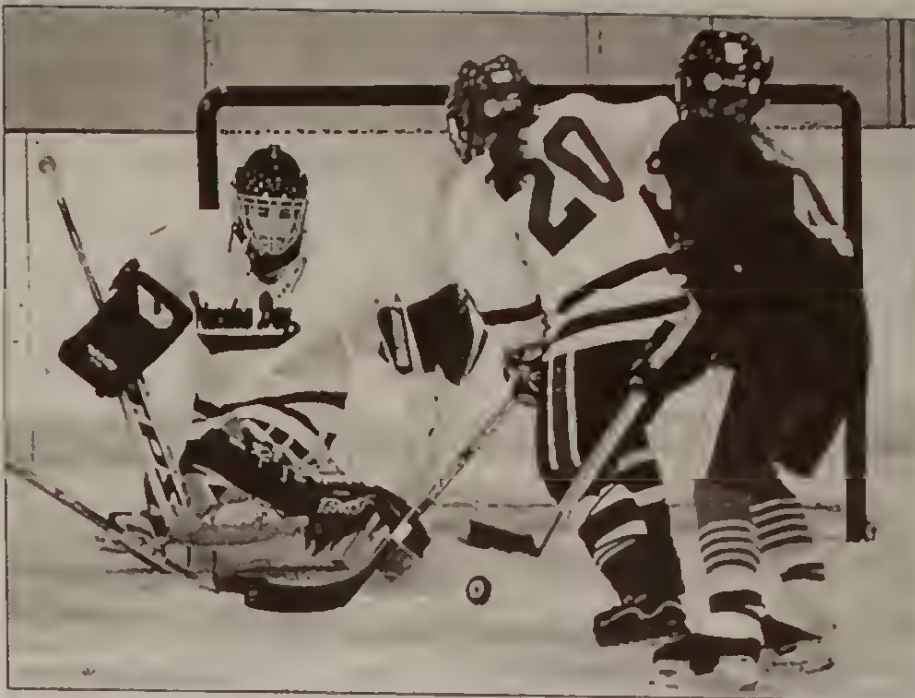
Swimming: Lawrenceville swimmers got their season off

to a hot start in action last Wednesday. The Big Red boys' squad topped Pingry 94-75 as Brad Gulick led a sweep in the 100-yard breaststroke while Porter Diehl won the 100 backstroke and John Geissinger took the 200 freestyle. The Lawrenceville girls' team, meanwhile, topped Pingry 108-61 as Kyle Engelman, Courtney Crane, and Morgan Dever each won two individual events.



FULL SPEED AHEAD: Princeton Day School forward Keith Nelson, center, rushes down the ice in the Panthers' 6-4 win over Germantown Academy last Wednesday to start the season. Nelson had a goal and two assists for PDS, which hosts LaSalle on December 10 and Cranford on December 12.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



COLD COMFORT: Princeton Day School goalie Kristina Costa, left, prepares to make one of her 22 saves in PDS' 6-2 win over Lansdale Catholic last Wednesday. Meg Kerwin and Carly Berger each had two goals in the season-opening win for PDS, which hosts Hill on December 10 before playing at Wyoming Seminary on December 12.

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two hours, I need her to come home."

Students who can walk or get a ride home leave promptly at 1:39 p.m. on Wednesdays, said Ms. Friedman. However other students must wait for buses, unless they live in Cranbury. Those students have one bus that arrives at 1:39 p.m. on Wednesdays, and four more that arrive at 3:30 p.m., said Ms. Friedman.

Parent Beth Rothman, who has a freshman daughter in the high school, said she has also called the school about the busing problem. She said she was told to let her daughter

expand her horizons and take a walk downtown until buses arrive.

"I trust my daughter, but I'd prefer her to come home and start her homework," she said. "I think the school should look out for the students," she said.

Board member Anne Burns, who has faced a similar situation with her children in the District, suggested students take the middle school bus home on Wednesdays. However, Ms. Rothman said that after making phone calls to the school she discovered that her daughter is not guaranteed a seat on this bus.

Both Ms. Rothman and Mr. Friedman said they would be content with the idea, however, if it was made a formal policy.

"If that could be formally put into action, that would be great," said Ms. Friedman.

The School Board says they have no money at the current time to invest in revamping the bus schedule for students.

School Board President Charlotte Bialek said she looked into the bus schedule for the high school and found

that it would cost \$36,000 to upgrade the schedule to fit the requests of parents.

"We're already \$40,000 in the hole for transportation," said Superintendent Claire Shell Kohn at a recent Board meeting. "An additional \$36,000 is not possible at this time."

Mr. Graber agreed. "It's a rather large expense that we can't take on right now."

Having a full school day on Wednesdays would eliminate all the busing problems, said School Board member Jellrey Spear.

"Then we wouldn't have a need for the extra bus," he said.

A Larger Problem

Wednesdays are not the only time students encounter problems with busing, said Ms. Friedman. She said her daughter's bus picks her up at 7 a.m. and gets her to school at 7:15 a.m., when school does not start until 7:50 a.m. Because of this, she, along with many other parents, takes her child to school each morning.

"Cars are parked and double parked in the mornings [at the high school]," she said.

Generally, buses drop students off at the high school between 7:20 and 7:30 a.m., said Marilyn Kothe, the school's director of transportation. After school buses arrive between 3:10 and 3:35 p.m., but school is let out at 2:50 p.m.

Ms. Kothe also verified that there are no late buses for children living in the Borough and Township that stay late for extracurricular activities.

Late buses at both 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. are provided for students who live in Cranbury however, said Mr. Graber.

"High school transportation seems to be an alterthought," said Ms. Friedman.

Board member Walter Bliss said at a recent Board meeting that he would like to form a citizens advisory group to discuss the problem, but did not receive any immediate feedback from the Board.

"In my one-and-a-half years on the Board, I've had a lot of transportation issues," said Mr. Bliss.

The Board's Ms. Bialek is on a task force to study transportation in the community, and said the group is currently researching transportation issues in the area and expects to have a public report available by the end of December.

—Candace Braun

Senior Work Options To Be Seminar Topic

A workshop on experiential learning opportunities for high school seniors will be held at Rider University on Tuesday, December 16, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Geared to area business and education leaders, "Exploring the Senior Option: A Business/Education Partnership," will answer such questions as, what is the senior option and what it is not; what opportunities are possible for both students and businesses; how the senior option can be structured, including internships; and how responsibilities are delineated for the parties involved.

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QUESTION: I hate Christmas. It's just pressure, pressure, pressure! I'm always exhausted when it's over, as if I've run through some sort of gauntlet. Am I weird? Is my complaint common? Can you help?

ANSWER: Yes, your complaint is very common. But, the pressure cooker in which you find yourself is strangely created by you! You have

unwittingly given others the power to determine your worth, instead of calmly deciding what it is that you can and cannot do. You cannot please all the people all the time, no matter how much money you spend on gifts or how lavish a party you throw. So, pull the plug on the pressure by bravely deciding what you want to do vs. what you feel that you have to do.

Let's look at 4 areas of stress to make my point clear:

1. SHOPPING:

- Realize that there is no "perfect present", and that your goal is to demonstrate love, not to outdo previous years with oohs and ahs.
- Try not to overspend in an effort to overcompensate for too much quantity of time at work and too little quality time at home. Instead, reinvest yourself in your family.
- And, if you really want to go for the brass ring of mall maturity, be courteous to the discourteous, and try not to have a short temper while waiting in a long line.


2. FAMILY:

- Put the needs of your spouse and children before the pressures of family and friends. It's OK to tell your mother that you are celebrating Christmas in your own home, and to visit fewer relatives so as to do so out of love rather than duty.
- If you are short on money, then cut or eliminate your long list of people designated for Christmas cards, and consider giving one gift instead of many to your spouse and children.
- Therefore, a good rule of thumb to adopt is to consider doing less so as to enjoy the holidays more.

3. CHURCH: To take the stress out of Christmas, try putting Christ back into it. Instead of threatening your spouse and children with bodily harm if they do not accompany you to church, consider reminding them of the real meaning of Christmas. I am not talking about a stern and "boring" lecture that will turn everyone off, but rather a discussion about the meaning of love. How much God must love us to have allowed his Son to be born in a manger instead of a palace, wrapped in swaddling clothes instead of silk, living in a town so obscure that it is not even mentioned in the Old Testament, and then being willing to die for us on a cross. Therefore, we go to church not out of duty with a gun to our head, but out of love and a desire to rediscover the meaning of our lives.

4. TV SPECIALS: If you came from an abusive family, or if your parents or spouse have died, or if you have been through a divorce, the endless onslaught of maudlin TV specials, depicting happy "normal" families might make you think that your family is anything but normal. And yet, what we are shown is an ideal towards which we all strive, the attainment of which is never fully within our grasp. We should not be discouraged by this image, just patient and persistent in our journey towards it.

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CHESSforum

This column very frequently contains current events, history, or other such related information about chess. Scarcely does it provide its dedicated reader with an in-depth analysis of a game, one of the main purposes for the creation of the column.

The purpose of this column is for Princeton area readers to develop their chess strength. Analyzing games is an effective way of reaching that goal. Therefore, this week's column contains a game I observed on USChessLive as well as a full length article of comments and annotations about the game.

The first comment is derived from the second move of the game: 2.a3?! This move is dubious because it shows no effort for central control. In fact, it is a prophylactic move aimed at preventing a Nimzo-Indian structure in which black prefers to play ...Bb4(+).

Actually, it seems as though Oficosu has even lead himself astray by 4.b4. This move seems like a logical follow up to 2.a3, but in fact wastes more time. A better move would be developing 4.Nf3, bringing out the knight, and also guarding the e5-square against black annexation.

Black correctly utilizes his lead in development by opening the center with 4...e5! Although white's attempt to strike back at the center from the wings is noble, it behooved him to continue with 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Bb2 (developing with time) Bd6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 when white has an inferior position but still has chances.

After 12.Nbd5, black correctly dominates the square in front of the isolated d-pawn, generally a great strategy in such pawn structures. From here, the goals for both sides are clear. The expansion of the d-pawn is white's only hope of creating attacking chances. As long as black can continue to control the d5-square and exchange pieces along the way, his endgame advantage should bring him the victory.

Black makes a terrible positional blunder with 15...b5? This pawn thrust does nothing to assist the black pieces and simply creates a weakened c-pawn. When white's only plan was to seek the expansion of the d-pawn, there is no reason to provide him with another possible scheme. Don't provide your opponents with obviously good plans.

Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

Unfortunately, white didn't get the message and instead returned the favor with a positional error of his own with 16.g3? This move shows a total lack of planning. Instead, he might have tried a line like 16.Nc3 Nxc3 17.Bxc3 Nd5 18.Rac1 f6 19.Bd2 Re8 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8 in which he accepts the impossibility of d-pawn expansion and instead focuses on black's backward c-pawn.

Black makes another mistake on move 17 with ...Bxe5. This knight may seem threatening on e5, but it actually does nothing. It attacks no weak points and controls no vital maneuvering squares. Capturing on e5 is a devastating positional error. It frees the d-pawn for advancement and suddenly releases the power of the dark-squared bishop.

Unfortunately for Oficosu, he ran into some serious time trouble down the stretch and was unable to convert his positional advantage into a material one. The time finally sealed the deal after he dropped a piece with 27.Kf2?? This truly was a game of missed opportunities.

—Chad Lieberman

Oficosu (1778) - Trovatore (1972)

USChessLive, 15/0, 12.08.2003

1.d4 2.a3 3.e3 4.b4 5.c4 6.exd4 7.Bxc4 8.Bb3 9.Nf3 10.Qxb3 11.0-0 12.Bb2 13.Nc3 14.Rfe1 15.Ne2 16.g3 17.Ne5 18.dxe5 19.Rad1 20.f4 21.Kg2 22.exf6 23.Nc3 24.Nxd5 25.Re5 26.Bxe5 27.Kf2	d5 Nf6 Nbd7 e5 exd4 dxc4 Nb6 Be6 Bxb3 Bd6 0-0 Nbd5 c6 Rc8 b5 a6 Bxe5 Ne4 Qg5 Qg6 f5 Nexf6 Rce8 Nxd5 Rxe5 Qe4+ Qxe5
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White resigns

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Solution: 1940' I

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4:30 p.m.: Readings by Princeton University Creative Writing Program students; James Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

7:30 p.m.: Candlelight Service with carols sung by Princeton University Chapel Choir; Princeton University Chapel.

8 p.m.: A Walk in the Woods; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday, and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

8 p.m.: Concert by Musica Alta, "Italianizing the French Baroque"; Taplin Auditorium.

Thursday, December 11
4:30 p.m.: Talk by Kevin Phillips, "Wealth and Democracy in America"; Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall.

7:30 p.m.: A Christmas Carol; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Concert, Princeton University Sinfonia; Taplin Auditorium.

Friday, December 12
7 p.m.: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m.

8 p.m.: Cought in the Net; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Readings and Carols with Westminster Chapel Choir; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 13
11 a.m.: Children's Talk, "Horse Sense"; Princeton University Art Museum.

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versity Art Museum.

2 p.m.: Belle Mead Ballet Company's The Nutcracker; Orchard Hill Elementary School, Montgomery Township. Also Sunday at 2 p.m. at The Peddie School, Hightstown.

3 p.m.: Children's Holiday Concert, with Westminster Conservatory Children's Choir and Cantus Choir; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

4 p.m.: Singers Forum Princeton Youth Program Holiday Concert; Princeton Arts Council.

8 p.m.: Concert, "Song and Holiday," with Westminster Community Orchestra; Lawrence High School, 2525 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville.

8 p.m.: Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

Sunday, December 14
1:30 and 3 p.m.: "At the Manger," with Engelchor Consort; Princeton University Art Museum.

3 p.m.: Chorlie Brown Christmas Show; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

4 p.m.: Princeton Society of Musical Amateurs, Bach's Christmas Orotorio; Princeton Unitarian Church.

4 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra Holiday Family Concert; Richardson Auditorium.

4 p.m.: Greater Trenton Choral Society Holiday Concert; Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, Ewing Township.

8 p.m.: Conticles, Carols and Lullabies, with Westminster Conservatory Community Chorus and Chamber Choir; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Monday, December 15

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7:30 p.m.: A Christmas Carol; McCarter Theatre. Also Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Chorus; MCCC Conference Center, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor.

8 p.m.: Bach's Brandenburg Concertos; Richardson Auditorium. Sold Out.

Tuesday, December 16

4 p.m.: Princeton Public Library Board of Trustees; Community Room, Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Princeton Regional Schools Board Meeting; John Witherspoon Middle School.

Wednesday, December 17
12:30 to 1 p.m.: Organ recital; Princeton University Chapel.

2 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Annie; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope. Also Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 4 p.m.; and Thursday and Friday at 11 a.m.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Human Services; 380 Witherspoon Street.

Thursday, December 18

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Jazz Band; Kelsey Theatre.

8 p.m.: Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment; Borough Hall.

Friday, December 19

7 p.m.: A Child's Christmas in New Jersey; Passage Theatre, Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Saturday at 2

p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

7 p.m.: The Shepherds' Play, with Waldorf School of Princeton faculty; Mackay Auditorium, Princeton Theological Seminary.

8 p.m.: Concert, The Princeton Singers, "O Magnum Mysterium"; Nassau Presbyterian Church.

8 p.m.: Cought in the Net; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: "Festival of Lessons and Carols," with Voices Choral and Burlington Brass; United Methodist Church, Vandeventer Street.

8 p.m.: Pianist/vocalist Peter Cincotti; Berlind Theatre. Also Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 20

1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.: The Nutcracker; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Sunday at 1 and 4:30 p.m.

2 p.m.: Belle Mead Ballet Company's The Nutcracker; Hillsborough High School, Hillsborough.

2 and 4 p.m.: Scrooge: A Bollet Theater Spectacular; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m.

8 p.m.: Concert for Chonukoh, with Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

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OBITUARIES

Patricia C. Pell

Patricia Chancellor Pell, 68, of Princeton, died December 1 at University Medical Center at Princeton following a three-year battle with cancer.

Born in Wilmington, Del., she was a graduate of Wilmington Friends School. She attended Vassar College with the Class of 1956.

She was a volunteer at the Princeton studio of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, where she served as assistant studio director for 22 years.

Following her retirement, she became involved in practicing Pilates and Yoga. An avid reader, she was taking a course in Islam at the Ever-

green Forum at the time of her death.

She was a member of Trinity Church and its Social Justice Committee. She also belonged to the Fort Ticonderoga Association of Ticonderoga, N.Y.

She is survived by her husband, Stuyvesant B. Pell; two daughters, Alison C. Pell of Snohomish, Wash., and Sarah Pell-Stüres of Ewing Township; a sister, Nancy Lamson-Scribner of Florida; a brother, Ira Doom of Moneta, Va.; and three grandsons.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 13, at 5 p.m. at Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street. Interment was private in Old St. Anne's Church Cemetery, Middletown, Del.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Jersey Unit of Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, 69 Mapleton Road, Princeton 08540;

or to Fort Ticonderoga Association Inc., P.O. Box 390, Ticonderoga, N.Y. 12883; or to Alcoholics Anonymous.



George J. Adriance

George J. Adriance, 81, of Princeton, died December 5 at The Windrows at Forrestal in Plainsboro.

Born in Rochester, N.Y., he was a graduate of Williams College, Class of 1944. He attended Harvard Law School for two years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 104th Infantry Division where he received the Bronze Star.

From 1948 to 1956 he was a loan officer for Irving Trust Company, New York City. From 1957 to 1966 he was with Princeton Bank and Trust. From 1966 to 1997 he was an investment adviser with Clark, Dodge and Company, which later became Tucker Anthony & R. L. Day in Princeton.

An active community member, he served as a member of the Princeton Planning Board and was elected to the Princeton Township Committee. He was also a member of the

Friends of Princeton Public Library, Kiwanis, and Rotary Club of Princeton, and served as a warden and usher at Trinity Church.

Predeceased by his wife, Anne Delano Adriance, he is survived by two sons, Jim of Washington, D.C. and Matthew of Oldwick, N.J.; five step-sons, Rick, Jeff, Geody, Bill, and Ted Delano; two sisters, Sarah Scoville of Culver City, Calif. and Louise Gardner of Hanover, N.H.; four grandchildren; and seven step-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday, December 12, at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton 08542.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Emilio Tamasi

Emilio Tamasi, 89, of Princeton, died December 2 at home.

Born in Pettoranello, Italy, he had resided in the Princeton area since 1955.

He retired in 1977 after 24 years with Princeton University.

He was a member of St. Paul's Church.

Husband of the late Modestina Ciccone Tamasi, he is survived by a son, Jesse of Hamilton Square; two brothers, Achille of Pettoranello and Antonio of Canada; a sister, Bammolina Tamasi of Pettoranello; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Paul's Church on December 5 following the funeral at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Elizabeth Hill Bardwell

Elizabeth Hill Bardwell, 83, of Newtown, Pa., died December 7 at Friends Nursing Home at Chandler Hall in Newtown. She had been a Princeton resident from 1960 to 1997, when she moved to Chandler Hall.

Born in Chicago, Ill., she moved in her teens to Colonial Heights, Yonkers, N.Y., where she attended Roosevelt High School and was elected vice president of her senior class. She went on to St. Lawrence

University, in Canton, N.Y., where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

In 1943, she married Lt. Charles Bardwell at the Naval Air Station in San Diego, Calif. After the war his Naval career took them to Newport, R.I., Norfolk, Va., San Juan, P.R., and Yardley, Pa. They moved to Princeton in 1960 after his retirement from the Navy.

She studied for a teaching certificate at San Diego State and Trenton State College.

An active golfer at Springdale Golf Club, she was also a member of the Present Day Club, the KKG Alumnae Club, and All Saints' Church. She particularly enjoyed playing bridge and socializing with friends.

Predeceased by a daughter, Susan, she is survived by her husband, Charles; a daughter, Ann Cooley of Hilton Head, S.C.; and one grandson.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, December 11, at 1 p.m. at All Saints' Church, All Saints' Road. Interment will follow at Trinity-All Saints' Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 400 Morris Avenue, Denville 07834.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Ward S. Hagan

Ward S. Hagan, 83, of Princeton, died December 4 at the University Medical Center at Princeton. The cause was heart failure.

A graduate of Princeton University with the class of 1948, he was a former chairman of Warner Lambert in Morristown.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Air Corps at Pearl Harbor.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; two daughters, Susannah of London and Tracey of San Diego; a brother, Robert; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was private. Arrangements were under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Isabelle G. Sayen, an environmentalist and lifelong Princeton resident who died September 29, will be held Thursday, December 11 at 10 a.m. at Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury, Kent, England. The service, which many of her international colleagues are expected to attend, will be in recognition of her humanitarian and peace work.

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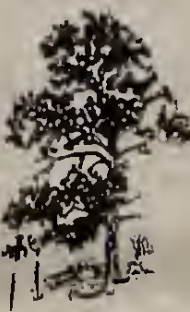
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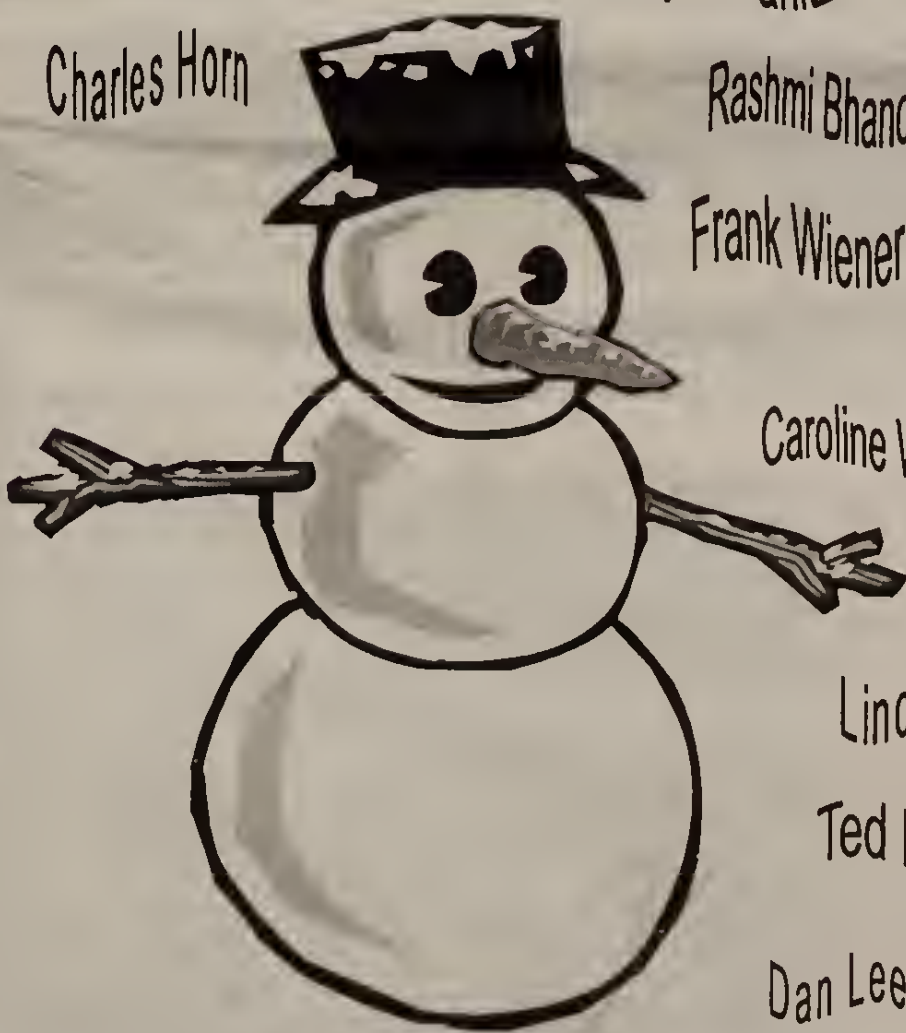
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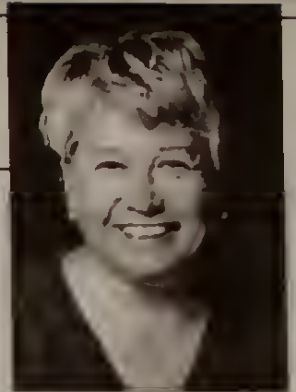


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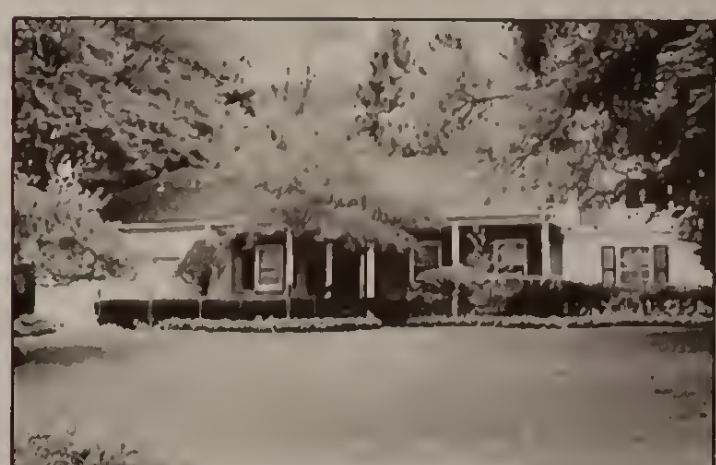
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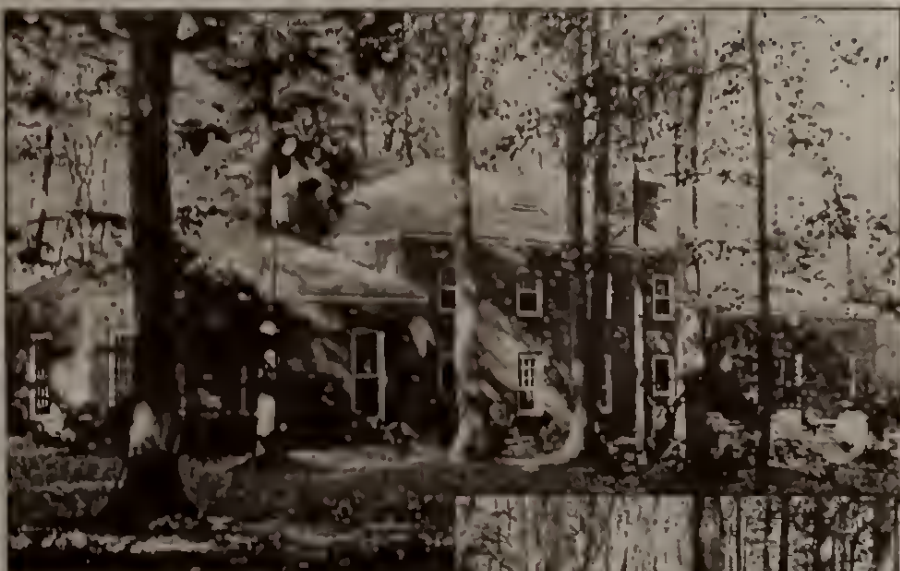
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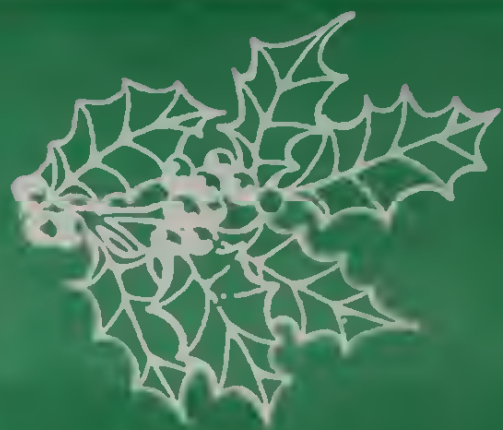
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SUPER STOCKINGS: An assortment of colorful knit stockings with pom-poms and fringe are hanging by the fireplace at Roe's Petals. Perched on the mantel are various vintage ornaments, including two of the Seven Dwarfs (c) 1930s, pixies, elves, gnomes, and Santas. Fabulous Flare candles emit holiday fragrances, and there are charming "Man in the Moon" ornaments. Wax-faced angel tree toppers from Germany are special, as are the new Back Porch Friends ornaments. Hand-done Christmas ball wreaths and "Memory wreaths" with glass domes filled with vintage Christmas balls are popular, and the pink rose petal evening shoes and matching silk evening bag are super glamorous.

During the Festive Holiday Season No One Is Ever too Old for a Toy

Harrison is five years old and in kindergarten. He wants a globe so he "can see where all the places are," he also wants a new bike because his legs are too long for the one he has. His brother, Spencer, who is three, wants a fire engine, and both boys want "diggers". These are sit-on pieces of equipment with manually-operated shovels, "and you can dig very big holes in the sand."

Mary, nine, is expecting the latest Barbie and all the trimmings, including the Barbie radio-controlled Volkswagen Beetle pink convertible. Jennifer, 12, a jewelry maven, hopes for the Jewelry Design Workshop (with every bead ever made) and the Slide bracelet kit.

Jesse, 17, likes videos, DVDs, CDs, and the full range of high tech games.

Now, fast forward to Dave, 35, once an aficionado of dinosaurs, puppets, and "Build Your Own Bear." Today, he has his eye on "Soda Club", a motorized machine to make club soda at home in a jiffy.

His three-year-old daughter, Hannah, on the other hand, likes Bobble Heads, stuffed animals, and toy musical instruments.

Hal, now retired, still likes additions to his train set, but also is excited about his gift certificate for "oil changes for life". Last year, according to his wife, "he bought himself (from the family!) a book of coupons for discount car washes. A true romantic!"

S'mores Maker

His wife, in a moment of nostalgia, has asked for the new S'mores maker. "You don't need a campfire anymore to have s'mores. It comes with a little grill, plus ceramic holders for the graham crackers, chocolate, and marshmallows. It does not

come with a book of ghost stories!"

She is also enthusiastic about the possibility of "Roomba" — the futuristic robotic floor vacuum cleaner.

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"My husband Harold's favorite toy store was a hardware store," recalls another friend. "His eyes would light

up for even the slightest fitting or dry wall screw or glue gun. He positively strutted down the aisles with the saws — radial arm saws, band saws, circular saws, jig saws, even wooden-handled hand saws.

"The year we bought the cement mixer, he knew he had a tool of reckoning. But he could be just as happy if we stopped in only for carpenter's glue, wallpaper paste, or single-edge razor blades.

Red Wagon

"Plumbing fittings were also exciting, especially if they had built-in gadgets. As for Harold's other toys, he talked one of his employers into getting him an airplane — a Cherokee — for work, of course! And there was the big shiny motorcycle for Sunday morning spins.

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The popular Brio wooden train sets originated in Sweden in 1884, and were brought to the U.S. in 1977. In 1889, the Flexible Flyer sled came on the snow scene, and in 1900, Joshua Lionel Cowen created a battery-operated train engine as an animated advertisement in a store window display. To his surprise, customers were more interested in his toy train than the other merchandise, and it was the precursor of the longed-for Lionel trains of every boy's dreams.

In 1903, the first box of Crayola crayons was pro-

duced, and in 1916, John Lloyd Wright, son of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, invented the famous Lincoln Logs. In 1926, Ole Christensen, a Danish toymaker, began to manufacture toys with a new twist, and the very popular Lego was born.

Scrabble, then known as CrissCross, was invented in 1931, and Monopoly saw the light of day in 1935. The endlessly entertaining "Slinky" appeared in 1943, followed by the Frisbee in 1948 and the Hula Hoop two years later. 1949 saw the introduction of Silly Putty, and then Play-Doh in 1956.

Today it's Beyblades, Big

Wheels, Hot Wheels, Power Wheels, Pac-man, Nintendo, Gameboy, GameCube, Finding Nemo and Freaky Friday DVDs, Palm Pilots, cell phone cameras, and all those tiny technological marvels. But the toys that have stood the test of time appear and reappear every Christmas: finger paints, kaleidoscopes, Chinese checkers, pick-up sticks, pogo sticks, jacks, jack-in-the-box, music boxes, drums, xylophones, trading cards, sidewalk chalk — the list is endless, and everyone has a favorite.

Never more so than during the holidays, of course, and while it can seem like over-kill

during the frenzied shopping scene leading to Christmas, many of us recall those special moments when a longed-for, unexpected, or "perfect" toy was waiting under the tree.

Train Wrecker

A World War II veteran recalls the year he wanted a train wrecker and a red bridge to go with his electric train set, and he got it. He continues to enjoy his trains as a hobby to this day.

His younger brother got his first full-size bike when he was 10. "It had an odometer, and I rode 20 miles the first day! I also always wanted the Thornton Burgess animal books for Christmas, and I would often finish one by the end of the day. The first one I got was "Paddy the Beaver." I still have all the Burgess books I received, and my children have enjoyed them over the years too.

"I also built lots of things with my erector set, and I liked to make model airplanes, which I would then fly off our fire escape. In the summer, for the Fourth of July, I put firecrackers in them and blew the planes up!"

There is something about seeing that first bike under the tree that takes the breath away. A Princeton neighbor remembers the thrill of her first bike, made even more meaningful because it was a long time coming.

"I had wanted a bike so much, and waited for two years," she explains. "The first year, my parents talked to me and said they weren't able to afford it. I was terribly disappointed. But then, the next year, it was under the tree. And I will never forget that wonderful red bike!"

A Lambertville resident, who grew up during World War II, recalls his first two-wheeler. "I was 10 years old in Columbus, Ohio — it was red, with big fat balloon tires, and Dad held the seat until I got my balance."

He has warm Christmas memories, and like many boys, he loved his trains. "When I was eight and my brother 12, we got a Lionel train set for Christmas — engine, coal tender, cattle car, searchlight car and barrel car, and red caboose, plus tracks and switches. It was a big set — the engine had a 'chugger' switch so you could turn it on and it would chug!"

"Each Christmas thereafter, we got additional tracks. We were also given a passenger train set — engine plus three coaches. We had a finished attic in our house, and we set it all up there.

Wooden Costles

"When I was 10," he continues, "I got roller skates and a scooter. The roller skates were needed, as birthday parties of friends were skating parties at local rinks. We also had Lincoln Logs, erector sets, and Buck Rogers Model Space crafts — pop guns, ray guns, and sling shots. I had a collection of brightly colored metal cars and trucks, even a trailer home, and one of my favorite toys was a wooden copy of a ferry boat that floated in the



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bath. It held four to six of the metal cars."

In addition, he reports that he was the fortunate recipient of special handcrafted toys. "My father had a basement workshop, and made us wooden castles with towers and drawbridges, etc., and with our weekly allowances, we bought metal soldiers, tanks, horses, guns, etc. to man the castle. The cannons had a lever and pellets to insert — you pulled the lever and it shot the pellets.

"In his shop, my father glued colored calendar pictures onto thin plywood and with a jigsaw cut us out jigsaw puzzles. We often did them after Sunday dinner, when we made popcorn and listened to 'The Shadow', Jack Benny, Fred Allen, and 'One Man's Family' on the

radio — no TV yet!"

Another now grown-up boy remembers his trains and his favorite erector set. "I was 12, and I made a Ferris Wheel. There was a motor that came with it, and the Ferris Wheel went around. I loved it!

"I loved my Tinker Toy set too. It was big, but not as big as my friend Teddy's. He always had toys and trains bigger than mine. He had trains that coupled and uncoupled. Mine didn't uncouple, but I worked and worked with the wire on my small train set, and finally figured out a way for them to uncouple. I also made a platform out of boards with a hole in the middle for a tree, and throughout the Christmas season, the trains ran around the tree. Maybe the fact that I had to improvise and create mechanical things helped lead me to my career as a civil engineer."

Transportation, whether trains, planes, cars, trucks, boats, bikes, wagons, and even doll carriages, has had a very strong attraction over the years. And an early interest in a toy vehicle often leads to a continuing fascination as time goes on.

A Wayne, N.J. resident, who loved building model cars, now spends any free time he has working on his collection of real classic cars.

The afore-mentioned Hal "loved his tricycle, then bicycle, and his wagon — I have a picture of him pulling the wagon with a cute little girl in it — a precursor to his yellow convertible and other classic cars," says his wife.

Silver Dumpster

A Princeton neighbor's favorite toy was a green and silver dump truck. "It was the kind you can climb into and pedal around," he remembers. "Santa brought it on my fourth Christmas, and I was thrilled. Its silver dumpster on the back tipped when you pulled the lever, and whatever it was filled with — stones, pine cones, or dirt — would tumble out.

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HOLIDAY SPLENDOR: Shown in front of Merrick's are from left, front row: Lisa Orban, Liz Hock; back: Nesrin Avci and Anne Merrick Mavis. The outdoor decoration includes large hot pink lanterns and white stars, intertwined with tiny lights, which create a fairy land at night. Inside, silks, satins, taffeta and velvet add to the evening glamour of Merrick's wonderful ball gowns. Wraps are super this year, with "entrance-making" accordion-pleated styles in assorted colors, gorgeous silks, beaded and sequined, and eye-lash fringed scarves and "necklaces" from Knit Wits in Pennington. Other hot items include high end initial handbags, Dyptique candles, and the new oils and vinegars from France and Austria. A Due Sorrelle trunk show will feature hand-crafted jewelry December 12 and 13.

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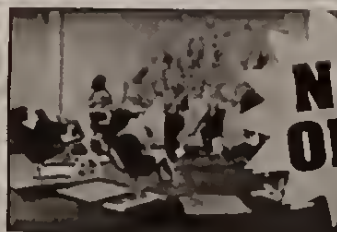
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"On the front was a blue and yellow license plate that had my initials. I remember a day or two after Christmas, I pedaled the new truck over to a grassy spot near our neighbor's back porch. It was mid-morning, and seemed especially peaceful and still. I sat and parked there and began to sing 'Silent Night'. When she heard me singing, our neighbor, Mrs. Yocum, came out and said, 'Good morning, Charlie. It's so nice to hear you singing.'

"Oh, that's not me," I replied. "That's my radio!"

"Reflecting on this experience that took place more than 60 years ago, it's as real to me as though it happened yesterday."

Charlie's son, Rob loved the enduring Matchbox toys, and there were never enough, recalls his father.

"He would study them in the store display for weeks before Christmas and choose his favorites. There were double-decker buses, red trucks, and sleek blue sedans. Some had trunks that tilted,

and some had doors and hoods that opened.

"After the gifts were opened on Christmas morning, then came the ritual of building a garage with the wooden blocks around. It was a marvelous garage, with parking spaces for each of the trucks and cars. The wooden block doors could be swung open to allow the vehicles to enter and exit. The garage even had a ramp and roof-top parking.

All Smiles

"When we were in graduate school in Scotland," he continues, "there was not much

money for toys at Christmas. When we walked into the little village where we lived, Rob spied a small silver race car in the window of a toy shop. He fell in love with it and checked it out whenever we were in town. One morning, shortly before Christmas, it wasn't there, and he was crestfallen. Santa must have known, for that very car mysteriously appeared under our tree Christmas morning. When Rob discovered it, he painted lace and painted was all smiles, and in his delight, he exclaimed: 'A silver race car! Just what I always wanted!'"

What cars, trains, and planes mean to boys, dolls and painted and looked real. She had a long pink dotted Cabbage Patch Kids, Raggedy Ann and Andy, Strawberry Shortcake (back again), a wondrous petticoat that Madame Alexander, Sparkle made her dress fluff and flow. Plenty, Little Lulu, Madeline, bride dolls, the new Bratz Funk dolls with attitude — in a large shoe box in the they encompass generations and cultural changes.

assuaged the next Christmas, however, when she received her first watch. "I had wanted one very much, and I wore it to show all my friends and even my teacher, who admired it."

My neighbor remembers receiving a baby doll when she was live, and she can recall her down to the last detail. "She had a beautifully head with a beautifully curly, brown hair. Her eyes opened and closed, and she had real eye lashes. Her body was soft and stuffed, but her hands and feet were molded and painted and looked real. She had a long pink dotted Cabbage Patch Kids, Raggedy Ann and Andy, Strawberry Shortcake (back again), a wondrous petticoat that Madame Alexander, Sparkle made her dress fluff and flow. She was very loved.

"I still have my doll, packed Funk dolls with attitude — in a large shoe box in the basement. Every once in a

while, I peek into the box and look at my precious doll! As I do, memories return of my joy at finding her under the tree on Christmas morning."

Doll memories seem to be especially important. For example, there is the Shirley Temple doll and her steamer trunk. A New York City friend remembers this well-loved toy.

"I was five when I got my Shirley Temple steamer trunk. When the trunk was opened, she lit on one side, and her clothes hung on the other side. Beneath the clothes was a drawer for her shoes and her comb and brush because she had lovely black hair with ringlet curls. At the top of the trunk was a handle, and I could take her with me wherever I went. This was in the days of travel

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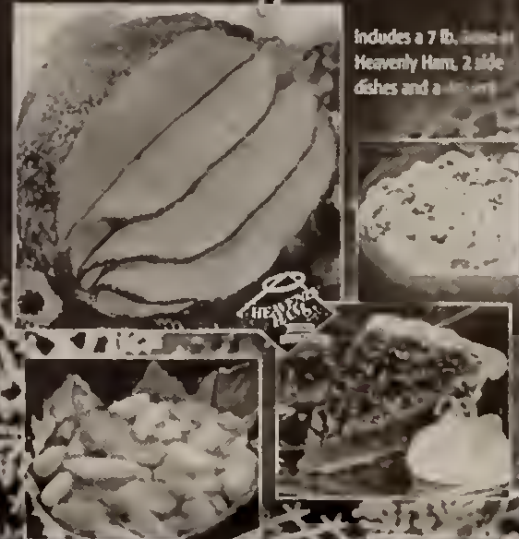
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by ship, so I felt very au courant with my steamer trunk.

Love of Travel

"I played with her endlessly, and the play proved to be geography lessons. I needed new places to go with Shirley, and my mother and grandmother willingly supplied them, with stories about their life in different places. I loved this beautiful doll, and this is the one I remember of all the toys I had — and there were many, as I was an only child and an only grandchild! Is it possible that my love of travel started with Shirley Temple?"

"The only other thing from my playthings I remember so vividly were my Wonder Woman comic books. They were read to me so many times that I learned to read with them. When we had to read Dick, Jane, and Spot in first grade, it was agony. They had no magic bracelets or terrific boots — and they never went anywhere!"

"I still have most of my 'Nancy Ann' Storybook dolls in a glass case," reports another friend. "I had lots of baby dolls, as well as a doll carriage, bed, high chair, and doll house. I also loved all the cooking toys — refrigerator, stove, oven, baking sets, etc. And I loved tea sets. My friends and I would dress up our dolls, and we'd sip tea and eat Oreo cookies."

A Princeton friend, originally from Ohio, remembers a special Christmas when she and her sister were seven and eight, and their mother made

outfits for their dolls.

"Mine had a green velvet coat and puffy hat and my sister's had a velvet cape and bonnet. Sewing was hard for my mother, and that was a wonderful surprise for us."

She also remembers a surprise for her own little girl many years later. "There was a book about a little girl living on an island, who had a wooden doll, and my husband made one just like it for her. She loved it, and then later, shared it with her own daughter, Meghan."

Woodworking

Handmade dolls are certainly special, and those children lucky enough to receive one or more never forget them.

"My grandfather was very handy with woodworking," recalls another friend. "He made a cradle for my dolls. It was all handcarved and beautiful. I loved it. Still sitting in it today is the doll that came with it."

"He also made a dollhouse

that was a replica of the house we lived in, and a little wood hutch with little drawers that I filled with silverware and plastic dishes for my dolls."

The American Girl series of dolls has been very popular over the past years, and nieces Kristen and Katie, when they were nine and 10, were big fans. Each doll, from a different era of American history, has a wardrobe, accessories, and books about them.

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SANTA HAS ARRIVED: Having just landed on top of the Nassau Inn, Santa comes down and waves to the crowd.

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The American Girl concept has blossomed, and there are now American Girl Tea Parties in fancy department stores. You and your doll attend the party together!

Over the years, many little girls have enjoyed cutting out paper dolls — and still do today. "Dressing up" the little cut-outs in their new paper finery can encompass hours of fun.

"My sister and I played with paper dolls for a long time," says a Princeton friend. "We had a lot of different outfits for them, and it was one of our favorite things to do."

Toy Tradition

This friend initiated a new toy tradition a few years ago, when she began decorating Christmas packages with tiny toys. Little ornaments, miniature wooden reindeer, Santas or snowmen, sparkling angels, and silver bells make her gifts even more appealing.

"I just felt it was an added decoration for the gifts," she says, "and now it has become a true holiday tradition."

Stuffed animals are among the most popular toys, and many grown-ups have been known to keep their favorite in a safe place in the closet, attic — or — right out in the open. Ever since the teddy bear was named for President Theodore Roosevelt in 1902, these soft bears have been a big-time toy.

"Stuffed animals were favorites in our house," says a neighbor. "Bears, dogs and cats, dinosaurs, raccoons, monkeys and rabbits were everywhere. There were also soft, stuffed puppets that came to life when you put your hand inside. Each Christmas, new characters were added to the menagerie. They sat sentinel under the tree until it was taken down. Then they joined the profusion of other well-loved animals on our son's bed."

Another popular animal toy

was "My Little Pony." Girls, especially, were enthralled with these pastel ponies, and loved to brush their long tails and manes. Meghan, now grown up at 21, remembers "Cotton Candy."

"She was one of my favorite toys when I was little, and she was pink. I was just a toddler, so I don't really recall getting her, but I've had her for as long as I can remember. I still have her; she's packed away in the basement with my other old toys. She didn't wear out — I just eventually outgrew My Little Ponies."

The memory lingers, however.

The story of a particular teddy bear falls into the category of "Most Meaningful Toys Ever."

"My daughter had a small teddy bear made of alpaca that she just loved," remembers a Princeton neighbor. "It went everywhere with her, and then one day, she lost it. I told her I wasn't able to get

her another, and she was crushed. Then time passed, and on Christmas morning, when he was peeking out of the Christmas stocking, she was simply thrilled. It was the best Christmas — if you could have seen her face!"

Teddy's Story

The story of Teddy does not end there. He is now safely packed away — a little the worse for wear — in the now grown-up little girl's basement. As her own daughter, who also played with Teddy, explains: "He's worn out; all of his fur is gone except for little patches behind his ears (It's been 'loved off', as Mom says). He's been patched and repatched to keep his stuffing from coming out. Finally, we bundled him up in a pair of doll pajamas to keep his stuffing in."

While boys like teddy bears too, overall, they are attracted to more action-packed toys, says a mother of three males.

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Stocking Stuffers For Women

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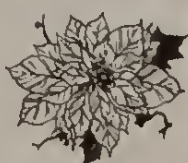
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One now grown-up girl does remember receiving a lot of boy-type toys, however. As she explains, "My father really wanted a boy, but he had three daughters. So, I, as the oldest, received 'boy' gifts at Christmas — Lincoln Logs, baseball glove, race car set, and microscope. I was a girl, but I loved them all!"

On the other hand, she also fondly remembers her miniature kitchen. "It had a sink you could actually fill with water, a stove, refrigerator, washing machine, dryer, and small plastic food, which you could put in the refrigerator."

Another young girl especially enjoyed her kitchen which she received when she was four. As her mother recalls: "She had opened all her other presents, and then saw a note saying there was a surprise for her in the dining room. When she went in, there was the kitchen all set up. She was really surprised. She just looked at it with a big smile, and said 'The Kitchen!' She played with it

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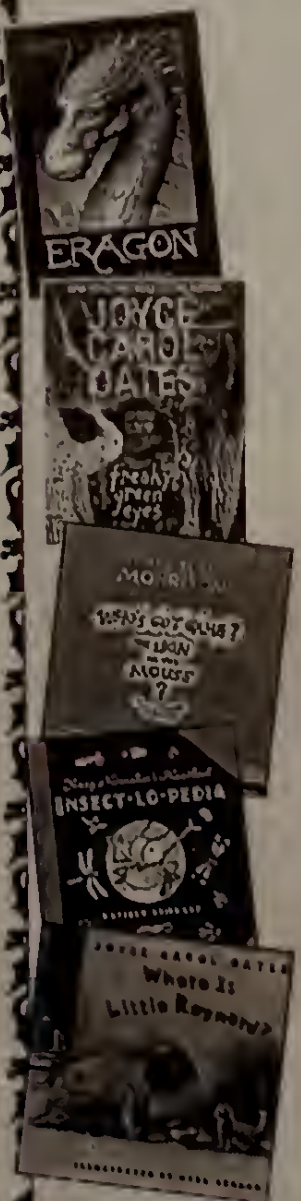
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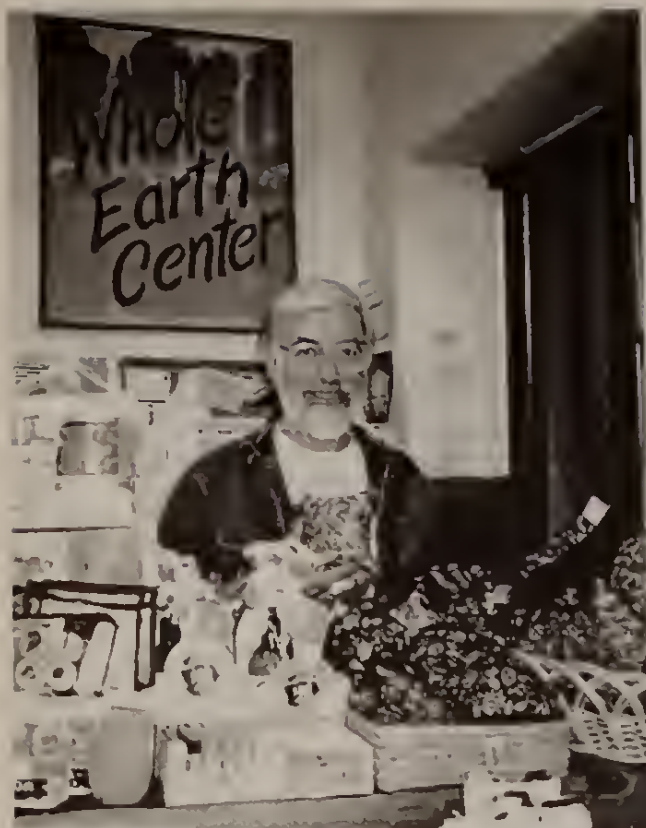
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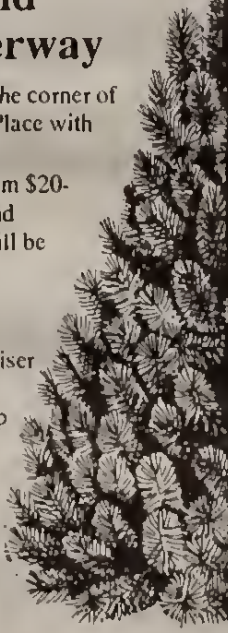
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all the time, and we would make up menus, and she pretended to make food, using the pretend stove, oven, food, and refrigerator.

Pretty Cute

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—Jean Stratton



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Each winner received one first place ribbon. Awards will be presented at the Borough Merchants for Princeton's December 17 meeting.

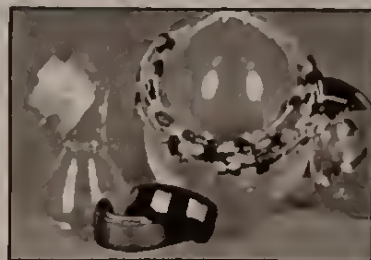
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Holiday Shopping Temptations Abound At the Montgomery Center for the Arts

It didn't sound like a craft be held instead this coming exhibit. Several mall-weary Saturday, December 13, from visitors to the second annual 2 to 5. Otherwise the Center exhibit of contemporary will be open Tuesday through crafts at the Montgomery Sunday from 12 to 4. Center for the Arts could be

overheard exclaiming about the prices. They weren't complaining; they were impressed that so many uniquely appealing items — the work of eleven different artisans — were so reasonably priced. True, the range extended from less than \$20 into the mid-hundreds, but holiday shoppers looking for special gifts will find the group show at the handsome 1860 House at 124 Montgomery Road a pleasing alternative to the crowds and commercialism of more conventional venues.

In the case of the pricier items, such as Shellie Jacobson's striking sculptural ceramics or the largest of Helen Schwartz's baskets, the more restrained shopper can treat the show as an art exhibit and simply enjoy looking and touching.

According to Lore Lindenfeld, who organized the exhibit and sale, last December's shorter-running group show was so popular and profitable that this year's has been extended to two weeks (December 6 to 21). The weekend snowfall forced the postponing of Saturday's opening reception, which will

Visitors will appreciate how compatibly everything is displayed. Eleven artists have come together under one roof to provide the equivalent of eleven shops, yet there is a sense of organic harmony as you move from room to room. The writer was accompanied by his wife, who was tempted all along the way, and would have yielded had she not already done most of her holiday shopping. We began in the back room with Sylvia Tu's hand-crafted bags, most made using batik fabrics from Indonesia and Bali, with handles of Balinese beaded glass; one bag was made from a Javanese sarong. Eve Greiner's jewelry was next, featuring pinks in the shape of musical instruments and earrings colorfully fashioned from various kinds of semiprecious stones and geometrics. Ms. Greiner, a self-taught metalsmith, has been working at her craft for 14 years.

Naomi Lindenfeld's ceramic works, including teapots, cups, and lamps, were inspired, as she puts it, by a love of the imagery that surrounds her in rural Vermont. Carving into layered colored

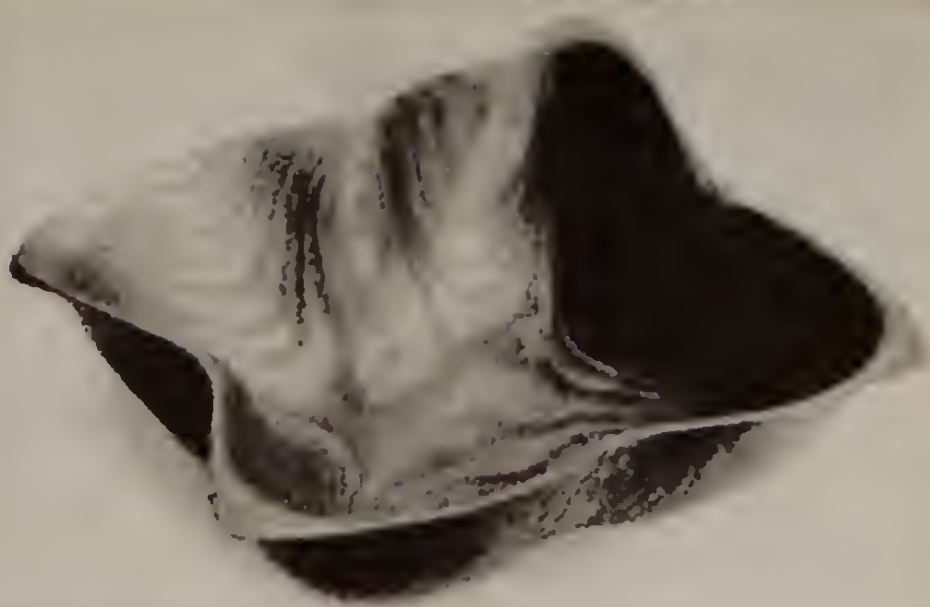
clay until rings of color reminiscent of ripples of water or wood grain appear, she achieves a special richness of hue and texture.

Among the items most insistently tempting the writer's wife were Patricia White's handwoven, fringed patchwork vests and Helen Schwartz's extraordinary sculpted baskets made of cats-head reed, sea grass, and waxed linen.

The variety is striking, from baskets small enough to furnish a Lilliputian picnic, to whimsical middle-sized baskets made of comicstrips, images of Elvis imagery, and Asian newspapers, to larger and more flamboyant items woven in striking shades of pink and vermillion, not to mention a tall, comparatively businesslike basket stained in black walnut and suitable for holding perhaps two editions of the Sunday Times.

An example of the nice visual interplay running through the exhibit can be seen in the way the colors and shapes of Ms. Schwartz's baskets complement Judy Tobie's fine, fragile hand-made paper bowls employing recycled maps, texts, and sheet music. At the same time both displays follow neatly from the shapes and gradations in color of Don Gonzalez's sculpted glasswork, which include purely decorative pieces as well as ultradelicate transparent Christmas ornaments and a set of cobalt-blue glasses.

Jean West's beaded necklaces in purple and turquoise presented further temptations. The aforementioned sculptural works by Shellie Jacobson, the most striking of which are nicely displayed on a mantle, will draw particular attention and provoke more than their share of conversation about what the shapes represent or communicate.



FROM NATURE TO ART: Clem Fiore's sassafras-tree bowl.

(Courtesy of Montgomery Center for the Arts)

Having begun in the last room, we ended our tour in the first one with the two more effectively compatible displays, Akkiko Collett's ceramics and Clem Fiore's woodcraft. Among Ms. Collett's porcelain and stoneware, most of it evoking traditional oriental styles, is a simple but beautifully subtle white bowl that would not look out of place in a Vermeer still-life. Mr. Fiore's equivalent stunner (another temptation) is also a bowl made from a sassafras tree two-feet in diameter that, with its sinuous aspect of nature's Art Nouveau, would do strange things to a Vermeer still-life.

The only artisan present during our visit, Mr. Fiore explained the process he uses, from recovering the raw wood to the brilliantly finished end-product. He works in a former dairy barn, using tools ranging from a chain saw to a bowlmaker's adze. Asked how the fascination with wood-sculpting engaged the talents of a professional photographer known for his New Jersey landscapes, he said he had found it naturally enough in his passion for photographing trees; he has a particular fondness for the wood of osage orange trees. He finds the organic patterns formed in the surfaces of frozen streams equally fascinating subjects. Drawn by the similarity between the swirl of tree-rings and the shapings preserved in ice, he moved from imagery to tangible forms, and his study of landscape took him even further into an area that can be seen as the theme and style

implicit in pieces that are at once sculptural and functional, such as the strikingly sculpted cherrywood salad bowls and serving pieces whose fish-tail and spermatozoa shapes suggest the genesis of all life-forms and life-force and make an excellent introduction to the harmonious mixture forms on display

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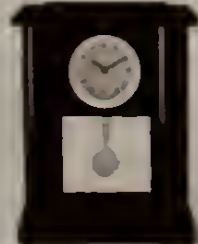
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Mathematical Art Displayed By Rutgers Professor

An exhibit of polynomiography, or, the art and science of visualizing in approximation of zeros of polynomials, will be displayed at the Gruss Center of Visual Arts at the Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville from Friday, December 5 through Saturday, January 24.

The artist, Dr. Bahman Kalantari, is an associate professor of computer science at Rutgers University. He holds a Ph.D. in computer science, a masters in mathematics, and a bachelors in mathematics and physics.

As a mathematician who has had aspirations of becoming a painter, Dr. Kalantari creates the medium through which both left- and right-brained talents are expressed.

There will be an opening reception from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, December 5. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (609) 620-6030.

Trenton Museum Society "Splits a Case"

The Trenton Museum Society, a volunteer organization that supports the Trenton City Museum, announced its "Split a Case" program at the Museum's 25th anniversary celebration.

The program will provide an opportunity for collectors to display their collections in

a museum setting while helping the Society build new display cases to house its permanent collection.

After acceptance by a committee of Trenton Museum Society members and art experts, collectors will share, or "split," space in the display cases. Donor's names will be listed on the cases while the collection is shown.

Collections will be exhibited in the newly-built cases in the second floor of the galleries of the Trenton City Museum from May 21 through September 19, 2004.

Donors who wish to display items from their collection must apply for space. Applications are available at TMS@Ellarslie.org, or at the museum. The Trenton Museum Society will also accept monetary donations without requiring a collection for display.

For more information, call (609) 989-3632.

Ethical Humanists Host Botanical Art Lecture

Ana Soto-Canino, Princeton University Class of 1985, will conduct a discussion and slide presentation on "Radical Botanicals: Ecological Loss and the Art of Re-visioning Botanical illustration," at the Princeton Ethical Humanist Fellowship meeting at Stuart Hall at the Princeton Theological Seminary between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 14.

Ms. Soto-Canino, founder and director of the Academy of Art of Highland Park and Gallery, is an artist and art teacher whose work has been widely exhibited in New Jersey, New York, and San Juan.

All are invited. For more information, call (609) 588-8694.



USING THE LEFT AND RIGHT BRAIN: The mathematical art, or polynomiography, of Bahman Kalantari, Ph.D. will be displayed at the Gruss Center of Visual Arts at the Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville from Friday, December 5 through Saturday, January 24. Polynomiography is the art and science of visualizing in approximation of zeros of polynomials. For more information, call (609) 620-6030.

HOLIDAY GROUP EXHIBITION: An annual Holiday Group Exhibition is currently taking place at the newly-renovated Marsha Child Contemporary at 220 Alexander Street. The exhibition features paintings, prints, sculpture, and photographs by an array of international stable artists. There will also be a collection of signed art books and small framed prints and paintings. The exhibition will take place through Tuesday, January 6. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday from noon to 7 p.m. For more information, call (609) 497-7330.

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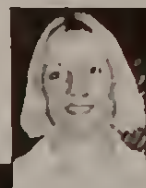
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Local Photographer Shoots 'Landscape of Sport'

Local photographer Elise Wright is currently exhibiting her collection of athletic landscapes in "The Landscape of Sport" at the Witherspoon Gallery at 27 Witherspoon Street in Holsome Tea and Herb through January 15.

"I started with the idea of photographing the Pagoda tennis courts at the University because I wanted to document that space to make a historical record," Ms. Wright said.

She added that she was taken by the beauty of the landscape.

"I became fascinated by the space, movement, lines, and human relationship within the space," she said.

Ms. Wright said that while the physical presence of people can be instrumental in conveying the athletic element of the environment, the actual building of designated spaces for competitive action is what brings the pictures to life.

"It's very much about the architecture and how we designate that area," she said.

The photographer said that without the presence of people, the viewer can still "imagine the players, and see the potential."

The exhibit also features photographs taken at the West Windsor soccer fields along Washington Road. Ms. Wright said that her pictures were taken in panoramic form to "capture coincidental occurrences."

"I wouldn't know what I would get until I got home and developed it," she said. "It's very much about the process of discovery."

Scenes photographed for the exhibit also include crew practice on Lake Carnegie, and the University's Weaver Track.

However, Ms. Wright said the scenes of the former Pagoda Courts site will be the most familiar to Princetonians.

"Everyone who looks at these pictures has their own experience with it," she said.

Daily gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call (609) 279-1592.

—Matthew Hersh



"THE PHOTO GODS WERE WITH ME ON THIS ONE": Elise Wright's modest interpretation of her work accompanies her "The Landscape of Sport" exhibit currently shown at the Witherspoon Gallery at 27 Witherspoon Street inside Holsome Tea and Herb. The former site of the University's Pagoda tennis courts is documented, along with several other scenes of Princeton-area athletic "sportsapes." The exhibit will run through Thursday, January 15. Daily gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call (609) 279-1592.

Oaxacan Artist Visits Area High Schools

Mexican ceramic artist and painter Demetrio Garcia Aguilar visited Princeton-area schools recently to demonstrate how he makes the small, brightly-colored, intricate clay statues that have bought him recognition as an artist.

Mr. Aguilar spoke with art classes at Princeton Day School, Princeton High School, Stuart Country Day School, and the Hun School.

The artist combines clay and painting in his two-dimensional ceramic pieces on themes that range from family life to death as they are reflected in Mexican cul-

ture. During his demonstration at PDS, a student acted as a translator as Mr. Aguilar described his work to students in his native language of Spanish.

Mr. Aguilar hails from a family of ceramic artists. He appears with his work in the book, *Mexican Folk Art from Oaxacan Artists' Families* by Arden Rothstein. Mr. Aguilar has been composing clay pieces since he was eight years old and has come in first place in several national-level competitions in Mexico.

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MIKE SCHMIDT, LEGEND: Oil paintings by Deck Perez, the official artist of the Philadelphia Phillies and the Baseball Hall of Fame, will slide into their home at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts between Thursday, January 8 through February 29. "Art at Home Plate: Philadelphia Baseball Legends on Canvas" will feature 32 original oil paintings of several Philadelphia baseball stars. For more information, call (215) 972-7600, or visit www.pafa.org.

Baseball Legends Shown at Museum Exhibit

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The exhibit will also depict legends from the old Negro Leagues.

Celebrating the opening of the Citizens Bank Park, the Phillies new stadium, the paintings will depict Philadelphia baseball history from the 1880s through the 1980s. The exhibit will be divided into three sections: the Phillies; the Philadelphia Athletics; and the Philadelphia Native Sons. Visitors will be introduced to the evolution of the players, game, uniforms, equipment, ballparks, and fans.

Many of the paintings in the exhibit show the game of baseball in times when action photographs were not available. Mr. Perez uses color, movement of the human form, and compositional lines to create imagined settings, while remaining historically true to the uniforms, audience appearance, and background advertisements of the times.

Mr. Perez was commissioned by the Phillies to create this tribute to Philadelphia baseball for the Hall of Fame Club's Cooperstown Gallery in Citizens Bank Park.

Mr. Perez's involvement in sports art began in the 1970s with the Philadelphia Phillies and Philadelphia Eagles. His work is included in several private collections internationally including the collections of Presidents Reagan and Clinton. Mr. Perez's work also explores other sports including football, basketball, golf, soccer, boxing, hockey, and various Olympic sports.

Concurrent with this exhibit is the "Take Me Out to the

Ballgame" event that will take place at the Academy on January 31 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event includes hands-on baseball art activities with artists Max Mason, Dane Tighlman, Jonathan Mandell, and Academy alumnus Zenos Frudakis. These artists' work will also appear at the Citizens Bank Park when the facility opens in on April 12.

Tickets to "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Academy members receive \$2 off admission. Since space is limited, reservations are recommended. For more information regarding that exhibit, call (215) 972-2061.

Admission to Mr. Perez's exhibit "Art at Home Plate" is complimentary during regular museum hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Admission to additional galleries at the Academy is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students w/ID, and \$3 for children aged 5-18. Members and children under 5 are admitted free of charge.

The Pennsylvania Academy is located at 118 North Broad Street at the intersection of the Avenue of the Arts and Museum Mile. For more information, call (215) 972-7600, or visit www.pafa.org.

Sculptor Exhibits Work At Stockton Gallery

The sculpture of Kate Brockman will appear at Riverbank Arts in Stockton from mid-December through the end of January, 2004.

Ms. Brockman, who is fresh off the heels of an exhibit at the James A Michener Museum in Doylestown, Pa., has had work shown at locations including Sephora at Rockefeller Center in Manhattan, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Woodmere Art Museum, Moore College of Art, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art, and the Franklin Mint Museum.

Born in Staffordshire, England, Ms. Brockman has had her pieces featured in collections and commissions in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut,



BRONZED 'FAITH': This Kate Brockman sculpture is currently on display at the Riverbank Arts gallery at 19 Bridge Street in Stockton. The gallery exhibits work by over 100 area artists. Gallery hours are Monday through Wednesday, noon to 5 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call (609) 397-9330.

South Carolina, Japan, and Ms. Brockman's work England. With a degree from West Chester State University depicting imaginary, exaggerated figures that are crafted from "ideas" rather than from live models. She then produces a clay model before moving into the final execution stages.

Her studies also include work with Bamstone Studios in Allentown and an apprenticeship with Evangelos Frudakis in Philadelphia.

Selecting themes from classical and mythological sources, all of Ms. Brockman's subjects are drawn from years of study of figure modeling and human anatomy.

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